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LONG SITTING FORCED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Opposition Resorted to Obstructive Tactics Over Annual Army Bill

SITTING LASTED FOR 27 HOURS

Premier Announces That Government Will Oppose Passage of the Channel Tunnel Bill

London, March 21.—2:20 p. m.—The session of the House of Commons which began yesterday afternoon is still in full swing. The House has thus sat uninterruptedly for twenty-four hours, with every prospect of continuing the sitting for some hours longer. The matter under discussion is the annual army bill. Really it is not controversial, but it is being utilized by the opposition to obstruct government business.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman who went home at his usual hour last night returned to the House at 10 o'clock this morning and informed the jaded legislators that the government "had no intention of yielding to the vindictive tactics of the opposition." The measure must be passed before the House is permitted to adjourn.

5:35 p. m.—The House adopted the army bill and rose. It had been in continuous session for nearly 27 hours. At the adjournment the premier repeated the announcement previously made in the House of Lords by The Earl of Crewe, that the government intended to oppose the passage of the channel tunnel bill.

The revived project of tunneling the English channel received its death blow, at least for a long time to come, by the announcement of the government's well considered decision against the enterprise in parliament today.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman in the House of Commons and the Earl of Crewe, lord president of the council, in the House of Lords, made identical announcements to this effect, which were approved by Mr. Balfour, the opposition leader in the lower house. It is expected the bill will now be withdrawn.

GIVEN TWENTY YEARS

Richmond, Va., March 21.—Joshua Harrison was today at Elizabeth City, N. C., sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the kidnapping and murder of Kenneth Beasley, two years ago. The boy was a son of State Senator Beasley.

FOR NEGLIGENCE

New York, March 21.—Cornelius A. Jackson, a towerman, whose absence from his post when an elevated train jumped the track, killing 12 persons and injuring a number of others, was today sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

FAMINE IN CHINA

London, March 21.—A special despatch from Shanghai, published here today, says that Viceroy Tuan Fung, of Nanking, predicted a general uprising in the famine-stricken districts unless prompt relief is provided. The viceroy, it is added, has memorialized the throne for a million dollars to purchase rice in Siam and Assam.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS AND DOMINION SUBSIDY

Premier Gouin Expected to Appeal to Electors on Strength of Larger Income

Montreal, March 21.—It now looks as if the general provincial election in Quebec would be held in the fall, and that Hon. Lomer Gouin's trip to the old country will have something to do with the amendments to the B. N. A. act which the imperial parliament is soon to be called on to ratify. It is considered certain that Premier Gouin will not delay long in going before the people, as with Quebec's largely increased subsidy from the Dominion the time would be ripe for an appeal to the electors. This would make possible a telling programme, including the putting of the primary schools on a better financial basis. Premier Gouin has identified himself so much with provincial subsidies that his foreign trip is causing no surprise.

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STUDENTS DISCIPLINED

McGill Science Men Punished for Recent Freak

Montreal, March 21.—At a meeting of the corporation of McGill university it was decided to debar from the privileges of the course till next September, thirteen of the science sophomores, who about two weeks ago recklessly broke up the freshmen's smoking concert at the union, and injured three of the first year students by throwing ammonia. A resolution of censure was passed against three other sophomores for having participated in the deed.

This decision means that the offenders will not be able to attend lectures for the remainder of the session, nor will they have the right to take the sessional examinations which are about to begin.

A FIREMAN'S ESCAPE

Montreal, March 21.—During the progress of a fire today, Branchman Joseph Liernier had the most remarkable escape from death ever recorded in the history of the brigade. He was assisting in hauling some hose along the 6th floor and walking backwards in the thick smoke, when he suddenly disappeared down an elevator shaft. He landed on the second floor, seventy feet below, and beyond being dazed for a time, and receiving some scratches, did not appear to be hurt. He landed in some debris, which he hastily broke through, and saved his life. He lost the major portion of his trousers in the fall.

G. T. R. AND G. N. R.

Rumor that Negotiations for Purchase Are Afoot

Montreal, March 21.—The rumor that the Grand Trunk is negotiating for the Canadian Northern is again in circulation. It is stated that Wm. Mackenzie was recently offered somewhere in the vicinity of \$13,000,000 for the property, but he refused to sell at that figure. President Mackenzie, of the C. N. R., and C. M. Hays, of the G. T. R., are both in England at present, and it is stated that the matter had again been discussed.

INLAND REVENUE OFFICE

Winnipeg, March 21.—The Dominion government has decided to open an inland revenue office at Moose Jaw and has appointed Ewen Conklin, of Winnipeg, as collector.

BLUEJACKETS DESERTED ON THEIR WAY WEST

Search Made for Six Men Who Left Contingent on the Road

Winnipeg, March 21.—Police authorities throughout the West have been asked to look out for four English bluejackets who deserted from their command at Winnipeg and Chaplin while being transported from Halifax to Esquimaux, where they were to join their ship. The sailors were members of a party of twenty-seven, which left Montreal the middle of last week. They occupied a special coach on the regular passenger train, and when it reached Winnipeg about 3 o'clock last Saturday morning, two of the men, W. Laurie and P. C. Fuller, who evidently were tired of the life of the sea, slipped out of the car in the darkness, and were not missed for about half an hour. When search was made, it was impossible to locate them, so the party had to proceed without them.

Leut. Felt, R. N., who was in charge of the party, had, on account of a previous desertion, placed a sentry at each door of the car, but the trusted sentry at the back door was one of the deserters, so that no one was to blame for the occurrence.

Before the train reached Winnipeg, two of the party took French leave at Sturgeon Falls, and have not been heard of since, while still another pair got away at Chaplin, west of Moose Jaw. By the time the party reached Vancouver, its numbers had been depleted by six, and instead of the 21 men and 2 officers of the 2nd Battalion, only a meagre twenty-one answered the roll call, which does not say much for the popularity of His Majesty's service. The two missing sailors who deserted at Winnipeg are supposed to be in hiding somewhere in the city, but so far all efforts to locate them have proved unavailing.

FIRE IN MONTREAL

Blaze in Morris Building Caused \$100,000 Loss

Montreal, March 21.—Fire caused damage to the extent of a hundred thousand dollars in the six-story building at the corner of Notre Dame street west and St. Henry street, owned and occupied in part by David Morris & Sons, merchants of the 2nd Avenue. The building was considerably damaged by the fire, and the principal sufferers by the fire were the Canada Tag & Label Co., \$50,000; Hudson Bay Knitting Co., \$30,000; David Morris, \$15,000; the building and \$50,000 to stock. It is believed that the losses are covered by insurance.

A PENSIONER'S DEATH

Montreal, March 21.—Capt. LaTremouille, seventy years of age, a pensioner of the Imperial government, was found dead last night in his room on Viger avenue. He was an officer in a British cavalry regiment, but the family with whom he was residing knew little about him. He had a room in the house when they moved in three years ago and they did not know how long before that he had lived there.

STRIKE AT GLACE BAY

Halifax, March 21.—Dominion No. 4 coal mine, in Glace Bay, is idle owing to the refusal of the men belonging to the Provincial Workmen's association to go below surface with non-union men. Eight hundred men are out on strike.

FIERCE BATTLE FOUGHT IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Nicaragua Forces Are Victorious After Three Days of Fighting

HUNDREDS OF MEN ARE KILLED

Paris, March 21.—The following despatch was received today by the Nicaraguan legation from Senor Gomez, the minister of foreign affairs of Nicaragua: "Five thousand Salvadoreans and Hondurans have been decisively defeated at Portillos De Namisque, after a bloody three days' battle."

Managua, Nicaragua, March 21.—A despatch received here from the front at 10:05 p. m. yesterday said the Honduran and Salvadorean army numbering 5,000 in all, attacked the Nicaraguan position and after three days and two nights of fierce fighting the Hondurans and Salvadoreans were completely defeated, leaving hundreds of dead and wounded on the battlefield.

Washington, March 21.—Bluejackets and marines have been landed from the United States gunboat Marietta, at Trujillo and Colba, and probably at Puerto Cortez, Honduras, to protect American interests in these ports. Advice to this effect were received today at the navy department from Commander Fullam and they were at once transmitted to the state department. As yet no word has been received as to whether forces have been landed at Central American ports on the Pacific coast side, but undoubtedly this step will be taken if American interests are considered in danger.

The navy department feels that the action taken by Commander Fullam brings the situation completely in hand so far as safeguarding of trade interests is concerned. It is also regarded here as a complete diplomatic move that will prevent any international complications growing out of the policy of the United States not to permit European demonstrations in Central America or South American waters. Already the United States has four warships patrolling the coast of the belligerent republics, and it is generally believed in diplomatic circles that a joint demand by Mexico and the United States that fighting must cease would result in immediate peace and the settlement of mooted questions by a tribunal created by Mexico and the United States and so constituted that justice to all of the fighting republics would be assured.

HURRICANE IN ITALY

Rome, March 21.—A violent hurricane, which has caused serious damage, swept over Italy. Several cities are reported to have been wrecked.

BOYCOTT SUPPRESSED

Washington, March 21.—The Chinese boycott against American goods has been effectively suppressed, according to mail advices received today from the American consul-general at Canton. No meetings for a boycott agitation have been held since January 3, and public agitation of the movement, the consul-general believes, can safely be considered at an end.

SEEKING TO SETTLE NOVA SCOTIA DISPUTE

Representatives of Dominion Coal and Fuel Companies Assemble at Halifax

Halifax, March 21.—The forces are gathering at Halifax for what may be the last engagement of the big industrial battle between the Dominion Steel and Dominion Coal companies. J. H. Plummer, president of the steel company, sails for England on Saturday, and he is naturally anxious to see a settlement effected before he leaves Nova Scotia. With him here are General Manager Jones, a solicitor and experts from the Sydney plant, General Manager Duggan, Sales Agent Dick and a corps of minor officials.

The immediate cause of the assembling is the bill before the legislature enabling the steel company to form a holding company to operate its newly acquired areas, and a bill enabling the coal operators to tunnel through other property to reach submarine areas. It is probable that the government will insist upon the two companies coming together on this matter, and it is believed that if an agreement is reached it will lead to a speedy settlement of the whole dispute and the withdrawal of the suit in the courts against the coal company. The negotiations of the next few days will be fraught with great importance to the future of both companies.

C. P. R. TRACK WORK

Winnipeg, March 21.—All the western students of the C. P. R. are in the city, conferring with Mr. Whyte on the work to be done on each division this year. The trackmen of the C. P. R. on the western division sent delegates to the city to confer with officials on the new schedule, which will be arranged tomorrow. Chairman Morey goes from here to the coast.

DYNAMITE CASE

Accused Lethbridge Miner Discharged by Judge

Lethbridge, March 21.—The celebrated Oshasky dynamiting case came to an end this morning without any evidence being taken, Chief Justice Sifton dismissing the prisoner when the crown asked for more time in which to secure evidence.

The case dates from the strike of the miners here, during which two attempts were made against the house of John Scott—one in May and one in June.

Peter Oshasky was arrested in June, and has ever since been in the cells at the barracks, awaiting trial. William Judges, a Thiel detective who gained the confidence of the union, was the ringleader of the case. It was freely predicted that Judges, who belongs in the United States, would not come across the line to testify. Resort was made to a commission to take his evidence. On March 5 Chief Justice Sifton set the case for March 21. The crown today was not ready to proceed, asking more time, and the judge dismissed the prisoner, saying he thought he had been in jail long enough.

MURDERS WERE PLANNED

Russian Reactionaries' Plots Against Members

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Sensational testimony to the effect that the reactionary League of the Russian People hired men to murder Ivan Perunkovitch, the noted Liberal leader of the first parliament, and also contemplated the assassination of M. Ranshchikov and M. Dzharapidge, former members of parliament, in order to terrorize that body, was given at the trial of the murderers of March 21. The crown today was not ready to proceed, asking more time, and the judge dismissed the prisoner, saying he thought he had been in jail long enough.

STRUCK FLOATING MINE

Hakodate, Japan, March 21.—The British steamer Fernley, from Tacoma for Taku, has been beached near here, after having sustained extensive damage. It is supposed that she struck a floating mine in the Strait of Tsugaru. Divers are examining the vessel, which must discharge her cargo before proceeding.

CANADIAN RIVAL OF SHIPBUILDING TRUST

Report That Extensive Plant Will be Established at Fort William

Montreal, March 21.—The Star has the following special from Chicago: The American Shipbuilding company is to have competition in the form of a Canadian plant to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000. Chicagoans and other capitalists identified with the marine interests of the Great Lakes are at the back of the project. The new yards will be located at Fort William, and if the present plans carry the works will be ready for business in less than a year. The promoters will invest half a million as working capital over and above the cost of construction, thus making the enterprise a \$2,000,000 proposition. The company possibly will be known as the Canadian-American Shipbuilding corporation. Both stocks and bonds will be issued but none will be offered for public subscription.

STANLEY CUP CONTEST

Trustee Foran Orders Game for Tonight at Kenora

Winnipeg, March 21.—Trustee Foran's wire, received today, positively ordered the second game between the Wanderers and the Kenora Thistles for the Stanley cup, put a new phase on the situation surrounding this great event of the sporting cities in Canada, which has been attended with most unfortunate circumstances so far. The Wanderers were made by his ruling to play at Kenora tomorrow to meet the Thistles there.

Mr. Foran in his telegram notes the most conflicting statements sent him by the two clubs, and states that these necessitate his withholding a decision as to which of the Wanderers are entitled to be awarded the game of last night by default for more consideration. Mr. Foran also appointed officials for tomorrow as follows: Hugh Baird, referee; Magnus Flett, judge of play, with Wm. McFarlane and W. Keane as timekeepers. The whole is subject to change by mutual consent of the clubs, otherwise it is final. "In no circumstances," says Mr. Foran, "are Smith and Westwick to be allowed to play."

The Thistles, it is understood, will not agree to abide by the Wanderers' ruling. Mr. Foran having determined to play both Westwick and Smith. The Wanderers say they can beat the cupholders, even with the Ottawa men on, and are willing to play the game under protest, as they are anxious to avoid another disaster. Arrangements are being made to have a game pulled off here, and it is not improbable that at least one of them will be played on Winnipeg ice.

Later.—The first game for the Stanley cup will be played tomorrow night. Weather conditions certainly do not look promising for ice such as would be ideal for Stanley cup hockey. Today was unusually warm, and in the afternoon a thunderstorm broke over the city.

CUT HIS THROAT

Prince Albert, March 21.—A young Nova Scotian named Frank Drew, while in a fit of despondency, committed suicide today by cutting his throat.

LABOR DISPUTES BILL GIVEN ROYAL ASSENT

Hurried Through to Head Off Possible Coal Mines Strike

LUMBERMEN BEFORE COMMITTEE

Fifth Regiment Changes—The Militia Council Reports Difficulty in Securing Recruits

Ottawa, March 21.—The royal assent will be given tomorrow to Hon. Mr. Lomieux's labor disputes bill, which was rushed through the senate today, the object being to head off the impending coal strike in British Columbia and Alberta.

Mr. Laurier (l'Assomption) and Mr. Lanctot (Richelieu), new members, took their seats today amid ministerial cheers.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed Mr. Borden that he had not received any further information about Hon. Mr. Hyman.

The house rejected by a majority of 65 a motion of Mr. Barker to compel the Grand Trunk Pacific to produce the original claim for expenses in connection with the promotion of the company. The motion of Mr. Smith (Wentworth), calling for improvement in the cold storage facilities for perishable products which are exported, was also negatived.

Mr. Winkinson, of Regina, before the lumber committee today decided positively that in his opinion a combine existed in the prairie provinces. He advocated as a remedy for the existing conditions than an export duty be put on all lumber and logs, and that an import duty on manufactured lumber be refused.

Mr. Sloan asked him if he desired an export duty on wheat, but the witness discreetly declined to answer.

Theodore Ludgate, of Arrowhead, said he had been operating at that point for the past five years. He said that during 1906 he ran his mill at a loss, and gave the committee the data upon which he arrived at this conclusion. Mr. Lancaster figured out that on this basis Mr. Ludgate's loss in that year would be \$35,000. Witness attributed the loss to the lack of organization amongst millmen, and competition from American lumbermen. Last year organization was completed and with no American lumber to compete against he figured that he made a profit of seventy cents a thousand on the average, without allowing for depreciation.

The immigration into Canada for the eight months from July to February, inclusive, was \$5,655, as compared with \$5,170 for the same period of last year, an increase of 47 per cent.

In militia orders issued today are the following announcements: Fifth British Columbia regiment, Capt. C. M. Roberts is transferred to the corps reserve; Lieut. R. W. D. Harris is retired. Rocky Mountain Rangers, No. 3 company, to be provisional lieutenant. John Macpherson, No. 4 company, to be lieutenant. Corporal Drury Nickerson, Kootenay Rifles, No. 2 company, Lieutenant Coulthard, retired.

The annual report of the militia council for the past year was presented to parliament today. It mentions that the increase of the permanent force to provide efficiently for the necessary garrisons of Halifax and Esquimaux proved difficult. Recruiting has suffered seriously from the state of the labor market and the universal demand for high wages. The total number of the permanent force in 1906 was 3,055, although parliament authorized an increase up to 5,000 men.

MAIL STOLEN

Pouches That Went From New York to France Rifled

New York, March 21.—One hundred and twenty-five pieces of mail were stolen from the pouch which left this city on January 17 on the steamer La Savole, according to Postmaster Wilcox. When shown the Paris despatch of the robbery, Mr. Wilcox said that the fact of the robbery was known here long ago, but as the United States postal authorities held the French government's receipt for the mail matter, they were satisfied that the robbery took place in France. Mr. Wilcox said he could form no idea of the value of the pieces stolen. He knew the postal laws prevented his making the amount public.

J. J. HILL TO RETIRE

Rumor That His Son Will Succeed Him in Office

St. Paul, Minn., March 21.—The Dispatch today prints a story, based on rumors in circulation in railroad circles, that J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, will retire on July 1, to be succeeded by his son, L. Hill, now vice-president; and that C. C. McGuigan, who comes to the Great Northern from the Grand Trunk system, will become first vice-president. J. J. Hill, the story says, would be chairman of the Great Northern board of directors. J. J. Hill, when asked to deny or affirm the rumor today, said: "I have nothing to say."

THUNDERSTORM IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, March 21.—A severe thunderstorm passed over the city and heavy rain fell this afternoon. This is unusual at this time of year.

LIVERPOOL SPRING CUP

Liverpool, March 21.—Bridge of Canny, ridden by Maher, won the Liverpool spring cup here today.

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EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR SMELTHERMEN

Second Reading of Bill Unanimously Passed in Legislature

DEBATE ON WAGES PAYMENT BILL

Amendment to Compensation Act Is Rejected—Taxation of Small Farmers and Canneries

The unanimity of the members of the house in regard to the passing of the second reading of the bill entitled "An Act Regulating the Hours of Labor in Certain Industries," a lengthy and somewhat spirited debate on a bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Payment of Workmen's Wages," and the defeat on its second reading of a measure termed "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act" were some of the features of yesterday afternoon's session of the provincial legislature. These enactments were all of a character directly affecting the workingman and the premier and members of the government in the course of the discussion, explained their attitude towards the respective proposals very clearly and, in most instances, at some length. There also was considerable debate on the Assessment Act amendment bill, amendments being introduced by Messrs. Hawthornthwaite and Brewster proposing further reductions in the taxation on the small farmers and on canneries established in operation in British Columbia of less capacity than that defined as one line canneries. The debate on the latter was still in progress when the house adjourned, Mr. Oliver having the floor.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Campbell opened the proceedings and immediately thereafter the usual orders of the day, namely the presentation and the receiving of petitions, was proceeded with. A number of questions also were asked and answered.

Question of Privilege

Before the regular business was taken up, Mr. Hawthornthwaite rose to a question of privilege drawing the attention of the house to an incident which had occurred at a meeting of the railway committee held in the forenoon. He explained that one of the members had asked for an amendment in order that certain of those present might be enabled to attend a government caucus. He did not think that a committee meeting should be broken up at will by the majority for the purpose of allowing matters of concern to the government to be discussed. For his part if that sort of thing were continued he would hand in his resignation.

Premier's Explanation

The premier gave an explanation of the affair. He asserted that on Wednesday he had made investigations and found that there were no committees slated to meet the next forenoon and so notices were issued to government supporters to attend a caucus. Subsequently his attention had been called to the fact that the chairman of the railway committee had called that body together. He gave his assurance that there was no intention on the part of the government to do anything which might be construed as an interference with committee work.

Regulation of Labor

"An Act Regulating the Hours of Labor in Certain Industries," a bill introduced by Mr. Hawthornthwaite was then introduced for its second reading by that member. In his opening remarks he went into history to some extent pointing out that the measure had been brought before the provincial legislatures some twenty years ago and had been defeated by a considerable majority. Later it had been submitted by Mr. Davidson, at that time a member of the house, on which occasion it had almost become law. The object of the bill was to give men working in the smelters an eight-hour day.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite spoke of the conditions of those employed in smelters contending that in many instances men were forced to work between thirteen and fourteen hours a day. He outlined the position of the employers and that of the employees, the former endeavoring to obtain as much as possible from their men at as cheap a rate as would be accepted. The same applied vice versa. He argued that if the capitalistic class was able to exercise full sway over the workingmen the latter would be exterminated. He said that in connection with the smelters of British Columbia the laborer was unmercifully "exploited." The latter were expending from day to day "their energy, their life power." The average life of the worker should be forty years. If he labored an ordinary eight-hour day at a reasonable expenditure of energy. But this was not the case. He wanted to point out that businessmen and every member of the public had a direct interest in the measure under discussion. It was always asserted that any workman's enactment was going to injure the industry which it most directly affected. He wished to give his assurance that nothing of the kind would occur if the bill which he had introduced became law. It would not interfere detrimentally with the smelting industry of the province. In connection with the eight-hour measure which was introduced, had been bitterly opposed. It, however, had carried and the result of its enforcement was not injurious to the coal mining business. He appealed to members on both sides of the house to make the bill the law of the land.

Supported Measure

Mr. Hayward hoped to see fair play between man and man and that he did not propose "firing off the fireworks" to which the previous speaker had given expression. He proposed supporting the bill because he represented a constituency in which the industry was engaged in to some extent. He wished to point out that the majority of the smelters of British Columbia were working their men eight hours a day. He did not see how the introduction of the measure would hurt the industry.

Mr. McNees spoke strongly in favor of the bill. He acknowledged that the majority of the smelters already had adopted the eight-hour system and that there were some arguments which could be advanced against the measure. But he thought that there could be nothing brought forward which would tell against the necessity for some such enactment as that which was under discussion. The premier wished to make some

observations as to the position which he had assumed during the past few years on the question. The records of the house would show that when a measure of the kind had come before the legislature on a previous occasion he had opposed it. His course then had been guided by several reasons. They were that such a law at that time would have created industrial disturbances, would have resulted in the cessation of business, would have financially affected to such an extent that they would probably have had to cease operations and, in addition, it had been found that the managements of such concerns were doing everything possible to keep close within the four corners of the legislation sought, the attitude which he had assumed in the past seemed no longer necessary. It was no longer imperative that the government should stay its hand. According to reports the smelters all over the province were prosperous, the workers were happy, the industries which were principally concerned were now on a paying basis.

Industry Flourishing

In the tour which he had recently made of the interior of the province he had found the mining industry, and the smelting branch of it in particular, in a flourishing condition. And he had discovered also that those identified with these companies were operating under an eight-hour system in almost every case. In short the industry was in such a state now that he did not believe that the legislation before the house was of a character which would do it serious mischief. In conclusion he wished to say that he would at once give up anything in his power to better the condition of the workingman where it was possible to do so consistently. Therefore he would support the second reading of the bill.

Mr. Macdonald Pleased

J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition, was pleased to see that the premier had learned something in his tour of the interior. He contended that he was now taking the position which he should have assumed a year ago. He did not think himself that the conditions then would have justified the passage of the measure. Then the prices of mineral were about half what they were at present and any such legislation as was proposed would have threatened the mines so seriously that many, doubtless, would have been forced to close down. Therefore the workingman would have been injured just as much as the industry itself. But a year ago the condition was the same as was now the case. On that ground he contended that the government should have favored the motion when it had come up a year ago. However, he was pleased to see that the administration was prepared to lend the measure its support.

Payment of Salaries

The adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Payment of Workmen's Wages" was next introduced, the premier having the floor. He stated that he had followed closely the remarks made by the honorable member for Newcastle in his introduction of the measure. While there was no weight to them he did not think that there was any doubt that he had failed to advance sufficiently convincing reasons for its adoption. It proposed, to an extent, interference with the arrangements entered into between the employer and the employee. That was a position which he could not take and the reason for his stand he did not think was difficult to understand.

Withholding of Wages

There was a practice, however, common he understood among the saw-mills of the province of holding back a month's salary of the employee. This meant placing a man in the position of having to work two months before being able to obtain any remuneration. The undoubtedly was a hardship and he promised that the situation would be looked into with a view of taking some action by means of legislation which would put a stop to the custom. The government, he stated, would not countenance the treatment of the workman in such a way.

Answer to Deputation

Some days ago a deputation had waited upon the government on behalf of the United Trades and Labor congress and had asked a number of questions, among which was whether the move in the direction of by-monthly payment of wages would be endorsed. There were other queries and the government had replied that it was not in position to give a direct reply at that time. The position in respect to by-monthly payment of wages had been made clear in his foregoing remarks. While, however, it had been found impossible to support such a measure for the reasons outlined he did not see why it would be difficult for the employers and the employees to get together and to come to some arrangement, mutually satisfactory, for the payment of salaries upon such a system. That he thought would be the most satisfactory way of reaching what was aimed at in the bill.

For the reasons which he had assigned he could not support the second reading of the bill.

Ross Favors Bill

W. H. Ross, of Fernie, was in favor of the bill although he thought that its provisions, as submitted to the house, might be considered somewhat too sweeping. Speaking for the majority of his constituents he thought that the industry which it most directly affected would be injured by the introduction of such a law as that under consideration as desirable. He hoped that when it went into committee that such amendments as might be deemed expedient might be introduced and the measure allowed to become law. He regretted the necessity of opposing the premier in the stand which he had assumed. It was the first time he had been unable to see eye to eye with him. But he was of the opinion that the bill would operate most satisfactorily in connection with the mines of the Crow's Nest valley and other districts in the interior. Therefore he would support the second reading.

Opposition Leader's Position

Mr. Macdonald supported the measure, although he thought that in its present form it was too sweeping. That, however, might be remedied in committee. The most objectionable feature, in his opinion, was the provision which penalized the employer failing to comply with the regulations. He pointed out that often the employer of labor was unfortunate and he did not think that under such circumstances, he should be forced under severe penalty, to meet the demand of his men upon the date specified. He was of the opinion that in that regard, the scope of the bill might be broadened.

Workmen's Compensation

The adjourned debate on the second reading of a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation

Act, 1902" was taken up by the attorney general who stated that the words which it was proposed to strike out had been law for the past five years. He did not think that it could be shown that the effect had been a hardship upon employees. In his opinion if they were eliminated the result would be detrimental to the employer. He was in favor of reasonable legislation which had as its object the protection of the employee. But he did not think that their had been proved that the words referred to had affected the workingman to his injury. Therefore he did not propose endorsing the second reading of the bill.

Messrs. Oliver and McNees spoke briefly in support of the measure.

Mr. Macdonald asserted that he intended supporting the measure and that the reason for his stand was that the words which would be eliminated thereby were difficult of interpretation. He said that they had not resulted in the deprivation of the workingman of any compensation to which he was entitled under the law because the phrase referred to had always been broadly construed. Still they were constantly creating difficulty and he thought the Act would stand their elimination.

No Protests

The premier in discussing the question went into the various occurrences in the house upon the previous occasions in which the legislation under discussion had been debated. He stated that the act, as at present constructed, had been on the statutes for five years and there had been no protest from the workingmen, those directly affected. It was true that Mr. Justice Duff, now of the supreme court of Canada, had more or less complicated the interpretation of the words referred to. But, he contended, no matter how clear such a measure as this was, questions were bound to come up from time to time. If the government encouraged such proposals as that contained in the bill the statutes would be tinkered with constantly. In reference to the operation of the Workmen's Compensation act, there had been thousands of dollars paid out under its provisions up-to-date and so far there had been no protests from the employers.

He could not give his support to the second reading of the bill.

McPhillips' Attitude

Mr. McPhillips announced that he would not support the second reading of the bill. He was pleased to hear the leader of the opposition state that the words referred to had not affected the interests of the laborers. He would add that, as far as his experience was concerned, he had found that almost invariably compensation had been paid under the act. He drew attention to the fact that there was a difference between the British Columbia enactment and that in force in the Mother Country, which gave the laborers of the former an advantage over those of the latter land. By a glance at the measure it would be found that the word "solely" was used in reference to the degree of the liability of the employee to the particular accident for which he was asking compensation. It was almost impossible, he said, for the arbitrator to find the employee "solely" responsible, and so he was generally given the benefit of the doubt. Under the circumstances, and in view of what the leader of the opposition had said, he could not give the second reading of the measure his endorsement.

Bill Defeated

The House then divided, the motion that the bill be read a second time being defeated by a vote of 16 to 21.

Assessment Act

On consideration of the bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Assessment Act, 1903," Mr. Brewster moved to insert the following as Section 2: "Section 4 of chapter 53 of the statutes of 1903-4 is hereby amended by adding the following words as subsection 32:

"(32) All permanent improvements up to the value of \$1000 made on lands used for agricultural purposes."

Brewster's Amendment

Mr. Brewster stated that his object was to get fairly before the legislature the matter of taxation upon agricultural lands. He said that the proposal to exempt the taxation upon improvements should be investigated. An amendment such as he suggested would be a boon to the small farmer and would beneficially affect many of his constituents. He hoped that the government would see its way clear to support his motion.

Finance Minister's Reply

The Minister of Finance in reply outlined the position of the pre-emptor and the homesteader, explaining in detail the exceedingly liberal terms upon which these people were dealt with. He did not think that after giving them six years to place themselves in a position to pay some taxation. The wild land taxation was small, while that upon real property was only a little over 1/2 per cent. He said that the assessments had really been reduced as far as was possible, his contention being that the poorer class of settlers were sufficiently well protected.

Mr. Jardine deprecated the attitude assumed by the government, arguing that there was no reason why taxation should not be reduced in the way suggested. He hoped that the amendment would be accepted in the spirit in which it was offered.

Proposal Voted Down

The amendment being put, was defeated by a vote of 14 to 22.

Another Amendment

Mr. Hawthornthwaite then moved to amend Section 2 by adding after the word "thereof" in the fourth line, the following words: "and by inserting after said words 'timber lands,' in said eighth line, the words, 'and two-fifths of one per cent upon real estate of the assessed value of two thousand dollars and under.'"

C. P. R. Lands

The Minister of Finance referred to the C. P. R. lands upon the island. He

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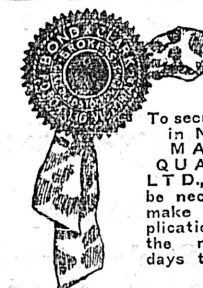
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pointed out that it would be impossible to tax that property without the most gross repudiation. With reference to the reduction of taxation, he suggested the statement that no stone had been left unturned in the framing of the act to protect the interests of the small farmer. Take an average property of 1000 acres, the minister asked, and it would be found that the total assessment amounted to something like \$6. By the change which the amendment proposed, the reduction upon the amount of land mentioned would amount to \$150 or thereabouts.

Mr. Williams endorsed the stand assumed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite.

Amendment Defeated

On a division being taken, the motion to insert the amendment quoted was defeated by a large majority.

Cannery Taxation

Mr. Brewster next moved an amendment as follows: "To amend subsection 5C of section 4 by adding the following words thereto: 'Provided, that whenever a salmon cannery has not a complete line of machinery, such as is commonly used in a well-equipped cannery, the personal property of such salmon cannery shall be assessed at its actual value.'"

Mr. Brewster pointed out that a small industry, one established upon primitive lines, would be taxed upon a \$10,000 plant. This would be on a basis of that amount, as the minimum rate

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The grounds at Oak Bay have been carefully marked, and will be roped off in order to keep the field clear of spectators. This will add much to the interest of the game, as with the outsiders crowding on the field it is extremely difficult for the players to appear at their best. It has also been decided that ladies will be admitted free. Anticipating a large attendance, special arrangements will be made for ticket selling, and, aside from the precautions at the gate, tickets are now on sale at all the local cigar stores and can also be had from members of the team. The car company has also arranged to run a special schedule, leaving Government street every ten minutes, and in this manner the crowd will be carried to its destination with the least possible delay. The Islanders have elected H. A. Goward to lead them to victory, and with the players in fine fettle and anxious to win, it is safe to say that there will be something doing from start to finish. The Islanders will appear on the field in maroon shirts and white knickerbockers, while the Mainlanders will line up in white shirts and blue knickerbockers, and the contrast will be such that the referee will have little difficulty in distinguishing the respective players.

Advices from outside cities interested in the match would indicate that it will not only be a victory for the Islanders, but the struggle, but their strength will be augmented by a large number of visitors. Ladysmith will send down a good contingent; today being pay day at the mines instead of tomorrow makes it possible for many to get away who would otherwise be forced to remain at home. Vancouver will be strongly represented, and New Westminster will also send her share.

With such an important match arranged it is only right that some inkling into the past records of the players who will participate in the game should be made, and on past experiences the players from the Mainland have the advantage as many of them have done considerable playing in the old country, whereas the Islanders have largely grown up to the game on the island.

H. A. Goward, captain of the Islanders, is perhaps the best known player in British Columbia today. He is known wherever soccer is played and his grand defence work has won for him a reputation which is hard to equal. Although a Welshman by birth, having been born in Tenby, Wales, he learned most of his playing in this city, having commenced his career with the Corrig college eleven. For several years he held a position on the intermediate teams of the city and at the age of fourteen played his first senior game, with the Victoria Wanderers, and in his first year in senior company the Wanderers brought back to Victoria the cup which had been held for several years by the Wellington Rovers. Since that time there has been hardly a senior game in which he has not taken part, and for the past five years has been captain of the Victoria United. On the team he plays full back and is the dread of any forward who has ever played against him.

Jimmy Adams, who will fill the position of centre forward, is one of the strongest and surest players who has ever been seen on the local grounds, and he can be depended on to do his share towards carrying his team to victory tomorrow. He is cool, tactically learned his game in Nanaimo, commencing his career with the 2nd Nanaimo Rangers in 1892, he next cast his lot with the Swifts, and was a member of the Nanaimo Thistles and assisted them to hold the intermediate championship from 1896 to 1903 he played with the Nanaimo senior team when it won the championship of the province, and since that time he has played with the Ladysmith team, traveling with it to Portland, where it won the Pacific coast championship.

E. M. Whyte, in goal, like the majority of the other players, learned the game in British Columbia. He made his first appearance in senior company about four years ago and since that time has held the important position for the Victoria United. He is cool and collected at all times and with a good eye he can be depended on to get any shots that come within range.

S. W. Lorimer, full back, is a native born Victorian, who learned the game at Eton College. His first appearance in senior company was about six years ago when he filled the position of centre forward for the old Victorians when they brought the cup away from Nanaimo. Since that time he has taken part in every senior competition, and is a valuable man on the United team. He is the heaviest player on the island team and, with Goward for his partner, he will put up a defence that will be hard to penetrate.

John Eno, right half back, is a member of the Ladysmith team, and has been playing football on the island for a number of years. He made his first appearance with the Northfield Violets in 1895, and since then has played with Nanaimo, Extension and Ladysmith. He accompanied the Ladysmith team to Portland and has a reputation among the island players for his great headwork.

Teddy Connors, centre half, is from the H. M. S. Shearwater, and by his fast clean play has won for himself an enviable position among his teammates. He hails from the old country and is well acquainted with all the ins and outs of the game.

Jack McKinley, left half back, also comes from the Ladysmith team, and is a well-known figure on the football field. He began his career with the Northfield Violets and has since played with the Nanaimo Thistles, Wellington Rovers and Ladysmith, and from all he has championship medals. Harry Provins, at outside left forward, is one of the best ground gainers in British Columbia today. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Garrison, stationed at Work Point.

Arthur Morrison, his partner, belongs to the Ladysmith club, and is considered one of the best forwards taking part in football in this province. He is a valuable man on any team, and his scoring abilities are well known. He is another member of the old Northfield Violets. From Northfield he went to Wellington and played senior with that team during its victorious career. Since then he has played with Nanaimo and Ladysmith, and journeyed with the Smelter City players to Portland. He is a great strength to any team and can be depended on to do his share.

Pete Gilmore is another from Ladysmith and is about the most familiar figure on the football field today, having played senior since 1892 without a break. He played centre half for the Wellingtons when they were in their prime, then with Nanaimo, and for the last four years has held his old position on the Ladysmith team. This season he has been playing in the forward line, and it was the showing he made in the championship games that led the committee to select him for a place in this match.

B. P. Schwengers, at outside right, is well known in Victoria and has been in the game for several years past, having been a member of the Victoria team when it captured the championship from Nanaimo.

Regarding the Mainland team, a Vancouver correspondent has the following to say: "The Mainland team is as strong as could be secured for the important occasion, and it will take a good team to lower its colors." F. Graham, who has been selected to captain the team, hails from Strathgairn, and has played first league soccer for the Port Glasgow Athletic club. He is a fine steady player; using splendid judgment, both in tackling and assisting the forwards, and in short is the right man in the right place.

Hartley, in goal, is the strongest man that could be selected for the position, and his long experience, with some of the best clubs of London, has given him that degree of confidence that is wanting in so many occupants of that position.

As to the ability of J. Trim, at full back, very little need be said. He is a fine back but lacks experience. He is a member of the Westham Island team, and is a credit to it.

Struthers, from the Shamrocks, will occupy the other position at full back, and is one of the cleverest defence players on the Mainland. He has had every opportunity to learn the game, having been raised in Strathgairn, Scotland, regular hotbed for soccer enthusiasts. He is strong both on the offensive and aggressive, and the island boys will find him a hard nut to crack.

Main, at left half back, also hails from Scotland, and plays a very steady game; he is a fine tackler and places the ball nicely.

Strange hails from Wolverhampton district and is one of the most useful members of the team. He is a powerful tackler and a powerful kicker, the Islanders will have something to reckon with when they run up against him.

Spence, at outside left forward, is another Scotman, claiming Edinburgh as his home city. He is a fine dribbler and has a very deceptive shot.

Robertson also hails from Edinburgh, and as to his playing ability the Islanders are well acquainted.

Brown is a home product, having been born in New Westminster, and learned the game in the district. He is very fast, and, if well supported, will make the island backs play lively. Shawcross is a very deceptive player but generally manages to elude his opponent, and is one of the most worrying forwards that can be placed on the field.

Mitchell is another Canadian, and is a very pretty player. He has a fine shot and will require some watching. With players of this class competing, there is no reason why first-class soccer should not be played, and it is generally expected that there will be a record crowd to see the best teams in British Columbia contest for supremacy.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE.

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5	4:16	8:07	9:52	6:12	11:07	8:19	15:30
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30	1:21	7:42	9:27	5:47	10:42	7:54	15:05
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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for high water are distinguished by high water from low water. The height is measured from the level of the low water of spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum of which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

Lived in Ladysmith

The late Donald Cameron White, who was one of the crew of the schooner Bessie K., which was found floating bottom up some weeks ago, was the son of Capt. White of Philadelphia. He was very well known in Ladysmith, where he resided for some time. His wife recently arrived from that town, and is now in the city undergoing treatment at St. Joseph's hospital.

Funeral Services

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Stevenson, who died recently, will take place from the family residence, 69 Carr street, on Saturday at 2:30. Rev. D. MacRae will officiate.

The funeral will take place tomorrow of George, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stribbling, 3 Taunton street, Spring Ridge. The funeral will leave the family residence at 11 a.m. Rev. Mr. Gibson will officiate.

Golf Competition Postponed

The medal competition for ladies and gentlemen's golf singles, which was to have taken place tomorrow afternoon on the United States links, has been postponed, and the matches will not take place until Saturday, April 6.

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After the opening ceremonies, Rev. Dr. Welsh summarized the annual report which had been placed before the board of directors in the afternoon. He described the gathering of the 15 branches of the Canadian auxiliary as bearing the same relation to the parent society in England as the Dominion Parliament has to that of the United Kingdom. During the last year the income from the auxiliaries showed an increase of \$17,000, and as a result a large balance of \$40,000 had been reserved for extension purposes, after sending a gift of \$30,000 to the British society. This exceeds last year's remittance by \$12,000.

An Immense Work
He proceeded to give some exceedingly interesting facts and figures concerning the work among the immigrants. The arrival of 215,012 new settlers, mostly foreigners, has lent commanding importance to the society's work of circulating the scriptures among the heterogeneous communities. Many of these cannot read, and 60 versions with a parallel column in English, in tongues, not only interpret but teaches the language which they must learn. One printing house in Winnipeg prints in 55 different tongues. 5,500,000 work had been done at Quebec, and the winter ports of St. John and Halifax. Greater preparations were being made for the increased influx of the coming summer.

The society reflected with pride to the fact that it is the auxiliary of a greater organization, which, distributed annually \$1,000,000 in bibles, has a total of \$1,000,000 in all in every known tongue since its formation. In closing, Dr. Welsh emphasized the privilege which he felt was theirs in being able to disseminate knowledge and truth.

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The election of officers in the afternoon resulted: Patron, His Excellency, Earl Grey; president, N. W. Hoyle, K. C., I.L.D., Toronto; vice-president, Rev. W. V. Shaw, Montreal; honorary general treasurer, Elias Rogers, Toronto; recording secretary, Rev. Jesse Gibson, Toronto; secretary, Rev. Dr. Welsh, Toronto.

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PEACE RIVER LANDS

In last night's Times there was a despatch describing the Peace River lands, selected by the Dominion government surveyor in pursuance of the provincial Act of 1884. It is somewhat fuller than the Colonist special of yesterday morning and adds to our knowledge of that interesting part of the province. A few days ago, when the Colonist said that the lands had been selected by the Dominion government, our contemporary corrected us in very severe language. Its own despatch says that the return brought down "deals with the selection by the Dominion government of three and a half million acres of land in the Peace River country, under an arrangement entered into between the two governing authorities." We assume that we shall not be again challenged if we say that the selection has been made, and if we treat the matter accordingly. It also seems to be settled that the lands selected are to be taken by the Dominion, and we may therefore assume further that Mr. Templeman, being a member of the government, is an assenting party to the selection. If this is the case, there is nothing more to be done. The provincial legislature is helpless in the matter, because the Act of 1884 expressly grants the land to the Dominion. As soon as the provincial government is notified of the selection, the transaction is closed.

This being the case we do not propose at present to discuss any further than we have done the course pursued by the British Columbia members of Parliament in this connection. We think it wise to accept unflinchingly, and devote the best of our consideration to what can be most advantageously done under the circumstances. Upon the use that shall be made of the proceeds of the sale of those lands, much of the force of any criticism of the political aspect of the matter will depend, and until that matter is settled, we propose to say as little as possible upon any other phase of the subject.

The land appears from the surveyor's description to be one of the finest areas in the Dominion. In this respect his observations only bear out what was said of the country by Professor Macoun, when he explored the region in the early 80's. It is land that will sell quickly and for good prices, as soon as railway communication is provided. It stands the Dominion government in principal, interest and cost of selection less than \$1,500,000; it is worth at a conservative valuation \$17,500,000. Allowing \$1,000,000 for detailed survey and sale, there will remain a surplus of \$15,500,000. We contend that by every principle of justice and fair play this surplus ought to be expended for the benefit of British Columbia, and that the best way in which to expend it is to provide a line of railway, whereby the coast cities of British Columbia will secure direct access to these lands and the splendid territory of which they form a part.

We direct the attention of the British Columbia members of the House of Commons to this matter. We direct the attention of the government and legislature to it. We especially direct the attention of the members from Victoria and Vancouver to it. Upon one thing we may make up our minds, namely, that every effort will be made to tap this great region from Edmonton at the earliest possible day. Even now plans are being formed for that purpose. We may feel absolutely certain that the trade of the Peace River country will be drawn to Eastward instead of Westward, if the people of Edmonton and Winnipeg are able to divert it in that direction. This question is of prime importance, and there should be immediate action. We submit that the present session of the British Columbia legislature ought not to be closed without at least the preliminary steps being taken towards inducing the Dominion government to apply the proceeds of the sale of those lands to that purpose. This is no matter for political differences. It is one of great business importance to the whole province of British Columbia and it calls for the best possible and promptest consideration.

We submit that by the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of these lands, the Dominion government can give effect to the recommendation of the Royal Transportation Commission in regard to a railway from the plains of Alberta to the Vancouver Island seaboard, and can also afford Vancouver a direct railway to the northeastern section of the province. We have no feeling of rivalry towards Vancouver in this matter. All we ask is to be put on even terms with that city, and we do not believe that the people of Vancouver will ask anything else. The lands, which British Columbia gave for railway purposes, are valuable enough to secure the building of a railway from a point on the

Peace River, say Fort St. John, to a point on the Central Plateau of the province, say, simply for the sake of illustration, the region between the Blackwater and the Chilcoot, with branches thence to Vancouver and the Continental shore line at the most convenient point to establish a ferry to Vancouver Island. We urge that they shall be devoted to that object and that a policy of railway construction along the lines suggested shall be immediately adopted by the Dominion government. If this suggestion commends itself to the members of the local legislature, we submit further that it would be quite proper for the House to pass a resolution to that effect.

GOVERNMENT BY CABINET

We are very glad to see that Mr. R. L. Borden has protested against the delegation to the Dominion government of the very large powers that are being asked from Parliament. The disposition to centre in the ministry a very large share of discretion as to what the law shall be has been a frequent subject of protest in these columns. We have on many occasions pointed out that this practice has been carried to a dangerous length in British Columbia. The great exponent of it was the late Theodore Davie, whose friends were divided as to why he indulged in it. Some said that it was because he wished to have as much power as possible in his own hands, and others that he was constitutionally averse to taking the trouble to work out details of legislation, preferring to pass general laws, and take power to the executive to deal with details as they might from time to time arise. Perhaps the extreme exhibition of ministerial control was exemplified by what we think was the first important Order-in-Council made by the Semlin government, by which the executive undertook to provide that no man should be allowed to purchase any vacant crown lands until he had satisfied the executive as to the purposes for which he was going to use it. The Colonist protested very vigorously against that at the time, and is glad to be able to say that it has remained a dead letter.

The question has come up in Parliament by reason of a measure conferring upon the ministry the right to grant licenses for the exportation of electric power. It is perhaps impossible for Parliament to pass upon individual applications as they arise, but it is not impossible for that body to provide certain general principles that shall be applicable to all applicants for a license. A yet more striking illustration of it is afforded by the tariff, by which very large powers are conferred upon the governor-general in council. It seems necessary under any circumstances that Parliament must delegate a large amount of discretion in tariff matters to the ministry, but the Tariff Bill of this session goes to an extreme.

Among the ironies of politics there is nothing more remarkable than the spectacle of a Conservative leader protesting against a Liberal ministry arrogating to itself powers that ought properly to be executed only by Parliament alone. In the old days this was one of the lines of demarcation between Conservatives and Liberals, only the Conservatives were the people who sought to curtail the power of the representative branch. The system to which the Laurier government seems to be committed can be best described as Responsible Government brought to a reductio ad absurdum. Originally responsible governments were supposed to voice the opinion of the people's representatives; now we seem to be approaching a time, when the people's representatives are charged only with the duty of registering the decisions of the ministry and making them legal. Joseph Howe and George Brown would be sadly out of place in a Twentieth Century Liberal cabinet.

A YUKON PLATFORM.

The Independent Liberal Conservative Club of Dawson has chosen a rather odd name. We can understand what a Conservative is; it is not quite so obvious what Liberal-Conservative means; an Independent Liberal Conservative seems to be quite beyond the possibility of definition. If the promoters of the club had gone a step further and called their organization the Radical Independent Liberal Conservative Club they would have run through the whole political gamut. However, we all know how little there may be in a name, unless it happens to be at the business end of a check, and so the new organization ought to be judged rather by what it proposes than by what it calls itself. Its platform is interesting as reflecting conditions in the Yukon, and we fancy that there are few people, whether they are Independents, Liberals or Conservatives, who will not agree with most of the propositions laid down therein.

Plank No. 1 declares for a 9-hour day, or 63 hours a week, which means that there is to be no Sunday observance in those high latitudes if the club's views prevail: the minimum wage is to be \$4 a day and board, and extra time is to be paid for at the rate of 50 per cent. advance on the ordinary rate. Plank No. 2 asks for an ordinance fixing a fair, modern and equitable system of employer's liability. Plank No. 3 asks that dance halls be no longer licensed and for the efficient regulation of all licensed premises. Plank No. 4 demands a Yukon Council that shall be wholly elective. Plank No. 5 asks that the mining laws may be so amended as to protect the individual miner from large corporations. Plank No. 6 calls for a board of arbitration, before which complaints against professional men,

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Dominion land surveyors and others can be investigated. Plank No. 7 declares for fearless recommendations in respect to all matters for the benefit of the Yukon. Plank No. 8 takes the position that the elected members of the Yukon Council should keep absolutely clear of public patronage and should strive to preserve intact the territorial rights of self-government. Plank No. 9 declares that the members of the Council must regard themselves as servants of the people and be ready to resign if they are called upon so to do.

Most of these suggestions require no argument, and the others have much to recommend them. On the whole it is a good platform, a very good platform bearing in mind that it was drawn up specially in reference to Yukon affairs. After reading it we feel like suggesting to the members of the club that they should take the hint given above and prefix "Radical" to its name, for the platform is radical enough to suit almost any one. The only feature of it, which at present strikes us as unworkable, is that embraced in Plank 9. The idea that a person elected by the people should hold himself ready to resign upon the demand of any organization, strikes at the very root of our representative system, to hold that a man, after election represents any particular party is all wrong and does enough mischief and to hold that he represents any particular organization would, in our humble judgment, be absurd. It would be just as well, if that principle were adopted, to do away with popular elections and permit organizations to name men for representative positions.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

The Morning Post is distressed at the thought of opposition in Canada to the proposals of Australia in regard to an Imperial Council. It seems unable to understand the Canadian point of view. Australia was a howling wilderness, with scarcely a white settler who went voluntarily there, within the lifetime of many men now living. Canada is peopled by a population of British extraction, many of whom are from families which have resided in America for two centuries, and of French extraction, representing families who have been here even for a longer period. Necessarily we look upon Imperial matters in a different light from those who were either themselves born in the United Kingdom, or whose fathers were. The Morning Post takes the view of the Empire that is held by those people, who yet look upon the United Kingdom as "home." The vast majority of Canadians do not so regard that country. To them Canada is home. They are Canadians first, and citizens of the Empire afterwards; just as the resident of England is an Englishman first and a citizen of the Empire afterwards. Until the Canadian point of view is thoroughly grasped by British writers, they will continue to misunderstand the Canadian attitude, which is strongly Imperialistic, but is permeated, if we may use the term, with a stronger idea of local independence than animates those fellow-citizens of ours whose connection with the Mother Country is closer in point of time and more intimate in the matter of family relationship, which of itself is an important factor in this regard. There are Canadians, whose ancestors lived on this side of the Atlantic before William of Orange was invited to the throne of England, and unless the significance of such a fact in its influence upon public opinion is recognized, Canadians and Englishmen will fail to understand each other's views on Imperial questions.

It is pointed out in a London despatch to the Montreal Star that the British government omitted from its paper upon the Colonial Conference a despatch from Earl Grey to the effect that Canada had no new suggestions to submit, which is a very different thing from having nothing to submit. We regret very greatly to observe a disposition on the part of leading British papers to represent the attitude of Canada as hostile to Imperial consolidation. In that direction danger lies. If the several colonial governments are to be judged from the standpoint of the British critic, and if premiers coming to the capital of the Empire to consider things relating to that Empire, are to find themselves confronted by hostile criticism, however courteously it may be expressed, simply because their views may not happen to coincide with those of certain newspaper writers, we may as well first as last throw all plans for greater unity to the winds. We regret also to think that a disposition exists on the part of prominent English Conservatives to make the relations of the Colonies to the Empire a gambit in the game of political chess now being played in the United Kingdom.

No man should be imprisoned for debt, neither should he be incarcerated under the guise of his being in contempt of court, because he unfortunately cannot pay his bills. There are relations that are more sacred than those between debtor and creditor, and although the person, who wilfully incurs debts that he cannot defray, may be deserving of some punishment, the idea that an unfortunate man shall live under the shadow of the gaol as long as he owes something, which he cannot pay, is one that ought not to be entertained in any country. To leave such a matter in the discretion of a judge is highly objectionable.

There are judges and judges. It would be bad enough to resort to the old practice of permitting any creditor to arrest his debtor; it is worse to permit a judge to order his imprisonment. A few years ago a newspaper man was brought to Victoria charged with contempt of court. He was hustled off to gaol; his papers and money were taken from him and he was not allowed to see his friends. His case was badly handled, or His Majesty's Justices for British Columbia might have been taught a lesson. We protest that the liberty of the subject is too sacred a thing to be subject to the whim of any judge. A correspondent, who writes over an assumed signature but who is one of the leaders of the Victoria Bar, states the case very strongly in a letter, which we print this morning.

John D. Rockefeller has arisen to protest against over-capitalization. Since Satan rebuked him, whenever that was, we have never had anything quite as surprising as this. Mr. Rockefeller is careful to say that he would not advise the reduction of the capital of the existing over-loaded companies. In other words, he and his associates have played the game of watering stock until they are alarmed as to the results. The public refuses to give them any more money; therefore it seems good policy to advocate a return to conservative business methods. If he can persuade people that he is opposed to the watering of stock, they will easily be convinced that there is no water in his, and will buy it accordingly. To the investing public we commend the old quotation: "Danaos dona ferentes."

Mr. Stickney, President of the Chicago and Great Western railway company, has reached the conclusion that the anticipated panic which he and his financial jugglers have been telling us about, is not going to arrive for two or three years, and he adds that the only thing which will prevent something terrible then is for the legislatures of the United States to keep their unholy hands off the railway companies. There never was quite as bare-faced an attempt to frighten the public from legislating in their own interests as that recently put forth by the United States railway magnates.

The Suffragettes of London seem resolved to do or die or any other odd thing that will attract attention to themselves. The latest proposal is that they shall don male attire and go in a body to the House of Commons to demand their rights. In that case we suggest to the British Prime Minister that he should provide a nice lot of pretty petticoats for the belligerent ladies to select from on their arrival before that august chamber.

Emigration from Britain to Canada has already begun. The railway companies ask for 60,000 men, and all that the persons emigrating are asked to do is to pay a deposit of £1, the remainder of their transportation expenses being paid by the companies, and to be deducted from their pay at a rate which will leave the men clear of debt in about seven weeks. Constant work at 8s. 4d. a day is guaranteed.

While all Colonist readers will congratulate Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, local manager of the Bank of British North America, upon his promotion to the responsible post of Superintendent of the Bank's branches in Central Canada, they will also regret that his new duties will compel him to leave this country, where he and Mrs. Mackenzie have made so many friends.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Electrification of Railways

As regards economic results, calculations submitted to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers by Lewis H. Stillwell and Henry St. Clair show that the railways in the United States, which represent 210,374 miles of track, were to-day operated by electricity using the single phase alternating current system at the potential adopted for the equipment of the New Haven railroad, and if the rolling stock equipment consisted of locomotives and multiple units, the cost of the motors and control apparatus no better than the best which now exist, the aggregate cost of operating, which in 1905 amounted in round figures to \$1,400,000, would be reduced by about \$250,000,000. To accomplish this result, power plants delivering about 12,500,000,000 Kilowatt hours per annum, would be required. In 1905 the average gross earnings of the railways per mile of line were \$9,528, and the average operating expenses \$6,400. The conclusion drawn from the figures is that the high class electric equipment now available would reduce this average cost to \$5,265—a difference of \$4,263 per mile. There is every possibility that Sir Wilfrid would be able to present at Westminster when the Royal Assent shall be given to the bill amending the British North America Act in the direction to be asked.

These amendments are in the form agreed to between the Dominion government and the provincial governments at the conference in Ottawa in October last. They will involve the addition of a considerable sum to the amounts paid out by the federal treasury, but, unlike the original clauses in the B. N. A. Act, they are based upon a sliding scale and should afford relief to the provinces for a long time to come.

There should be no great opposition to these amendments in our parliament. If they are to receive the sanction of the Imperial parliament this year, no needless delay is advisable, for in view of the congested condition of the Imperial parliament the amending act should be introduced as soon as possible.—Ottawa Free Press.

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Interests of the Alaska Steamship Company and those of the Northwestern Steamship Company have been merged, although representatives of the two companies decline to discuss the matter. In steamship circles it is understood generally that the deal will be closed this week, says the Seattle Times.

The outcome of this merger will mean a direct line from Seattle to Dawson to serve the Morgan and Guggenheim interests backing some of the biggest copper and gold mining projects in the world, the field of operations being in the British Yukon and the copper mines of Central Alaska.

Already the Guggenheims have control of the biggest properties in the Dawson country. These properties must be worked with dredges to carry on such a large scale means that thousands of tons of material must be sent into the Northern district. This requires the best service possible, vessels suitable to handle the heavy machinery and other improvements not available at this time.

The Guggenheims are also reported to have obtained control of the White Pass and Yukon route, between Skagway and White Horse, and having river connections with Dawson.

Eventually the merger of such large interests as the Alaska Steamship and Northwestern Steamship Companies will bring about a reduction of freight rates. New and modern freighters are to be built for the trade and by next season the Alaska Steamship Company will have two large freighters in the Southeastern Alaska trade. The two companies will maintain their identity as heretofore.

Briefly, the merger of the two companies is a move on the part of the Morgans and the Guggenheims to protect their vast interests in Alaska. They have control of properties which mean work for the next fifty years, and even for a longer period, and in that time machinery and supplies must be shipped north.

Plenty of Tonnage
With the vessels in the combined fleets of the Alaska Steamship Company and the Northwestern Steamship Company at their service, there will be no end of tonnage. With additional freight and passenger steamships to be built, the Alaska trade will be revolutionized and the country provided with an adequate steamship service in keeping with its development.

The Guggenheims also are building a railroad from Catalla, on the southwest coast of Alaska, to the interior. This line eventually will extend to Fairbanks, tapping one of the richest mining districts in the North. Vessels also must be provided to carry equipment and supplies to the westward and thus the merger of the two of the biggest steamship companies on the Pacific Coast is a move to develop the country.

The Northwestern Steamship Company is at present covering the Alaska and some routes, while the Alaska Steamship with Skagway at the northern terminus. The Guggenheims and Morgans have been interested heavily in the Northwestern Steamship Company, and to get a line to Skagway to connect with the White Pass and Yukon route, the Alaska Steamship Company was undertaken.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

Managers of Sound Companies Decide To Make More Money

Within very few weeks the freight rates on all vessels plying on the Sound will be materially increased and it is very likely that the British Columbia vessels will also send their rates up in comparison. Increased cost in the operation of Sound steamboats due to a raise in the price of oil and coal, increased crews, higher salaries to captains and mates, and increase in the cost of supplies, will lead to a high freight schedule.

This is the announcement made by managers of several of the Sound companies. Now the engineers on the various steamboats are also asking a raise of about 25 per cent in the wage scale.

Within the last month oil has gone up from 65 cents to \$1 a barrel, and coal from \$3 to \$4 a ton. After April 1 all passenger vessels of 250 gross tons and over, certified coastwise, will be required to carry second mates. This announcement was made to the various companies by United States Marine Inspectors Whitney and Turner.

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL

Employees of Puget Sound Dry Dock Are On Strike

As the result of the employees of the Puget sound dry dock and machine shops at Quartermaster harbor asking for an increase of wages the works will be closed down for an indefinite period. Manager Warner as soon as he heard of the demand being made posted notices that the shops would be closed. The men that were working there were receiving \$2.50 a day in some cases more. Some asked for double wages.

There are several vessels at the dry dock now, all of which will have to be taken elsewhere to have their repairs made. The Admiral Fairchild was towed from Quartermaster harbor to Ballard to go on the dock there. In discussing the close down Warner said:

"It is not absolutely necessary for us to run the plant and we can keep it shut down for an indefinite period. The shut down will affect more than 150 men, all of whom were getting good wages."

YUKON SERVICE

Goods To Be Billed Straight Through To Dawson City

The Pacific Coast Steamship company will carry freight on through bills of lading to Dawson this season. This arrangement has been made by an agreement between the White Pass and Yukon route and the Pacific Coast Steamship company.

When the Alaska Steamship association broke up some months ago, steamship men realized there no doubt would be a fight for business on the Southeastern Alaska run. Later came the announcement of the contract between the Alaska Steamship company and the White Pass and Yukon route, and now the announcement is made that the Pacific Coast Steamship company will get its share of the business.

Freight from Victoria and Vancouver, going to the British Yukon, was to be handled exclusively by McKenzie Bros., but rumor now has it that the Canadian Pacific Steamship company, as well as the Alaska and Pacific Coast Steamship companies, will have freight to carry on through bills of lading.

MARINE NOTES

Steamer Tottenham went into dry dock yesterday to be cleaned and repaired. The B. C. Marine Railway company have the contract for doing the work and will make a special effort to get it done quickly.

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fort to get the steamer ready for sea.

Two vessels of the Pacific Coast Steamship company touched at the Outer Wharf yesterday. The City of Topeka arrived from San Francisco about 2 o'clock with a large passenger list including Paul Paulson of this city who has been spending a few weeks in California. The incoming vessel reported the little schooner Ella G. of this city with 83 skins on the 19th inst. The schooner was sealing off Cape Mendocino. The City of Puebla south-bound also called and had an extra large list of passengers and a full cargo.

The British steamship Titan will, on her outward trip take one of the most valuable cargoes that has left Puget sound for some time. The Titan, Capt. Robert Day has been loading around the Sound ports and is due to leave Seattle today for Liverpool via the Orient. The whole cargo is worth over \$750,000, there being 11,200 tons of freight. The most valuable item is cotton, of which she has 7,000 bales, worth \$350,000. She is also taking 12,500,000 cigarettes, 163,392 pounds of leaf tobacco and 11,562 pounds of plug tobacco. The 22,523 barrels of flour aboard the vessel are valued at \$90,000. She is also taking 1,500,000 feet of lumber.

SANTOS-DUMONT'S NEW AEROPLANE

Will Compete for Prize of \$10,000—Wings of Polished Wood

Paris, March 11.—Santos Dumont's new aeroplane, constructed to compete for the Deutsch-Archdeacon prize of \$10,000 for the first "heavier than air" machine to cover a distance exceeding one kilometre and return to the point of departure, is much smaller, more light and more powerful than the "Bird of Prey," with which he won the Archdeacon prize, with a flight of 220 metres, last fall. In the new machine the canvas of the wings has been replaced by thin, polished wood, and the framework of light metal tubing. The two wings, constructed like Hargrave box kites, meet at an angle of eight degrees, and have a spread from tip to tip of 13 yards. The width of the wings is only 60 centimetres (about two feet). A fifty-horse-power motor at the centre will operate a propeller, the aluminium blades of which are two metres in diameter. The propeller has been placed in front in the belief that it will have a better grip on the air. Behind and below the motor is the seat for the operator. It is a little more than a tri-car saddle, but it is mounted on a single cycle wheel, equipped with an automobile tire, for the preliminary run before the aeroplane mounts. Santos Dumont discarded the two wheels which he used in operating the "Bird of Prey," upon the theory that the less contact with the earth the faster and the straighter the rise into the air. The trials will begin as soon as the ground at Styr is sufficiently hard to give a good running surface.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

The Diard

J. E. McLennan and wife, Shamrock, Ore.; W. McDougal and wife, G. A. Vowell, Seattle; J. G. McHugh, Mrs. Jas. McHugh, Oregopolis; A. M. McDougal and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Endelbaum, Winnipeg; J. C. Brittain and wife, Vancouver; J. W. Blackstock and family, Regina; R. E. Jamieson, Vancouver; P. Godfrey, Windsor, N. Y.; H. Tovey, Mexico; P. M. Gray, Edmonton; T. A. Abrahams, Montreal; A. E. Moore, Banff; G. G. Morrison, St. F. McKenzie, T. N. Richardson, Vancouver; C. Hammond, Old England; M. J. Ready, Seattle; T. D. Cousins, London, Eng.

The Dominion

Dr. T. Parker, Klamath Falls; Geo. Hume, Muskogee, Mich.; Thos. Donaldson, Handford Co.; J. Kenner, New York; Otto Riemer and wife, Washington, D. C.; Wm. England, Seattle; Mrs. Kirkwood and child, San Francisco; Geo. Rowe, Union Bay; H. H. Colley and wife, San Francisco; Wm. Adams and wife, Soda Creek; C. W. Dick-

ford, Sidney; H. McLean, C. Ettill, Vancouver; Wm. Charlton, Eakam; A. E. Snily, Vancouver; A. J. Robertson, Chilliwack; R. Bowman, D. Bowman, Upper Sumner; R. S. Barbour, Calgary; Mrs. C. M. Tarran, Albany, Ore.; O. Morris, Upper Sumner; A. Whittaker, Vancouver; Wm. Buckhart, and wife, Sidney; C. N. Tabman, Jas. Fumble, Elk Lake; Joseph Knox, Sumas.

The King Edward

W. Harlow and wife, Kent; F. Myers, Miller, S. D.; Mrs. L. P. Redman, Fresno, Cal.; Otto Gendler, Washington, D. C.; J. J. Devine, San Francisco; H. Canady, J. McKline, J. F. Brittingham, New York; F. J. Barrow and wife, S. Samuels; A. B. Garney, O. Lynn, Nanaimo; A. McDowell, Vernon.

The St. Francis

C. Bazette, Duncan; J. Adam and wife, Seattle; C. J. Mielke, R. H. Patterson, Vancouver; H. L. Holton, Vancouver; D. Rodgers, New York; S. X. Fenley, Boston.

The Victoria

Dr. Casselman, Nanaimo; Mrs. Casselman, Los Angeles; Miss A. Davis, E. Terrard, Jr., and Mrs. J. Edward, New York; H. P. Cameron, Winnipeg; E. J. Barlings, W. R. Finlayson, Seattle; E. Dempsey, S. Robertson, Vancouver; H. Manning, Revelstoke; G. Cirkos, Montreal.

The Queen's

Mrs. J. Cunliffe, Miss G. & R. Cunliffe, Naunim, C. S. McFarland, A. Olson, Port Townsend; W. Wells, Liverpool; M. Arner and wife, London, Eng.; D. Pratt, San Francisco; F. J. G. and family, Vancouver; B. C. Campbell, Bellinham; R. B. Alexander, Ladner; J. B. Gill, Vancouver; M. Cleft, M. Richard, Seattle; T. Nixon, Vancouver; J. B. W. Hend, T. Graham, Cumberland; M. Blows, L. Coe, Ashcroft; H. Roach, P. Thompson, Kent; R. S. Smith, Et. D. Hansen, Somenos; S. Mitush, Vancouver; H. P. Cameron, Winnipeg; J. Barlings, Epworth; R. Alexander, Ladner; A. Capley, Shawinigan Lake; C. Richards, Wellington; L. Ash, H. Cox, Hardwick Island.

Diocesan Missions

This evening at St. Barnabas church an address will be delivered by the rural dean, Rev. Baugh Allen, on Diocesan Missions.

Organ Recital

The very attractive musical programme, which appeared in yesterday's Colonist, will be given at the organ recital at St. John's church this evening at eight o'clock, when G. Jennings Burnett will be assisted by Miss W. Lugin, A. T. Goward, Arthur Gore, J. Petch, and the members of the St. John's choir.

Hospital Improvements

Preparations are being made for the immediate commencement of work on the proposed repairs in and around the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. Specifications are being drawn out, and tenders will be called within the next few days. The carrying out of a large programme of repairs at the hospital is a yearly affair, taking place every spring. This year the amount of work to be done is larger than is usually the case, and correspondingly more extensive plans are being made. Many of the rooms will receive new coats of paint, the hallways and corridors will be redecorated, and in the main hall and several of the rooms new floors will be put down. Altogether the cost of the work will total up to several thousand dollars. Although the expense will be comparatively large, it is not as heavy as it might be owing to the fact that good deal of the necessary material will be donated. E. G. Prior & Co. have promised to provide all the nails and other hardware free of cost, while the wood required for the flooring and other work is being provided by various of the mill owners of the city. The paint and other necessities are also donated, and the greater part of the bill of expense will be for labor alone.

MONTREAL STOCKS

(Reported by Waggon, Gwynn & Co., Stock Brokers, 519 Granville Street, Vancouver.)

Sellers, Buyers.

Banks—Montreal 249 1/2 249 1/2

Mercantile—Montreal 165 165

Miscellaneous—Twin City 118 118

Mont. Heat and Power 84 84

Montreal Street Railway 215 1/2 215 1/2

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Dom. Iron and Steel, com. 29 10 1/4

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Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal 171 1/4 170

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m. March 21.
SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is abnormally low over the western portion of the continent owing to the passage inland of low areas from the Pacific. In the Yukon and Atlin districts a cold wave has advanced the temperature at Dawson falling last night to 42 below zero. Six inches of snow fell today at Barkerville and showers have been general from Vancouver Island to California. In the middle west a disturbance of marked energy is central at Winnipeg and light to heavy falls of sleet and rain have occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

VICTORIA DAILY WEATHER.

Thursday.
Highest 45
Lowest 36
Mean 40
Rain04 inch
Sunshine 3 hours, 12 mins.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	36	45
New Westminster	33	42
Kamloops	32	40
Barkerville	32	38
Atlin	zero	28
Dawson	-42	-12
Calgary	20	44
Winnipeg	20	44
Portland	38	44
San Francisco	44	62

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)

Friday:
Victoria and vicinity: Moderate or fresh southerly and westerly winds, unsettled and raw, with sleet or rain.

Lower Mainland: Southerly winds, unsettled and raw, with sleet or rain.

February, 1907.

Highest temperature 53.1
Lowest temperature 36.0
Mean temperature 41.48
Total precipitation for the month, 3.94 inch; average amount, 3.40 inches.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at their next sitting, for a transfer, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situated at the corner of Douglas and View streets in the city of Victoria, and formerly known as "The Vernon Hotel," but now known as "The Carlton," to Robert Perry Clark.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1907.
F. G. VERNON.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at its next sitting, by Joanna Elizabeth Roblin, Administratrix of the Estate of Stephen Henry Roblin, deceased, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, at the "Bodega" saloon situated on the southeast corner of View and Douglas streets in the city of Victoria, granted to the said Stephen Henry Roblin, to Thomas Archibald McDowell and Charles McDowell.

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Social Dance Arranged

At the last meeting of the Daughters of St. George it was decided to hold a social dance 'Easter Monday' at which refreshments will be served.

Woman's Auxiliary to Missions.

The monthly meeting of the Diocesan Board will be held at the rectory, St. Paul's, Esquimalt, this (Friday) afternoon at 2.30.

Special Lenten Address.

Rev. W. Baugh Allen will give the special Lenten address at St. Barnabas church this evening at 7.30. "The Story of the Cross" will be sung.

Meeting Postponed

The mass meeting called for this evening for the purpose of passing some protest against the proposal to take away from women the right of adult suffrage, has been postponed till tomorrow evening. The reason for this action is that there are two important meetings of committees of the council booked for tonight. Mrs. Spofford, the provincial organizer for the W. C. T. U., who is one of the leaders in the protest on the part of the ladies, is at present in Vancouver. She will, however, be back before Tuesday, and will be present at the meeting. Numbers of well-known ladies and gentlemen will speak, and it is probable that His Worship Mayor Morley will occupy the chair.

Goes to Reformatory

Deputy Magistrate Morphy occupied the bench at the police court almost all day yesterday. A number of cases coming up before him. In the morning the case against one Jack Williams for assaulting a Chinaman was called, and the defendant failing to appear, a warrant was issued for his arrest. The four boys who have been held by the police for some time, on charge of having committed numerous thefts around the city, came up for sentence. Jack MacGregor, the oldest of the gang, and the one who ought in the opinion of the magistrate to have set a good example to his fellows, was sentenced to spend two years in the reformatory. The remaining three, on account of their youth and the fact that it was a first offence, were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

Promenade Concert

The first promenade concert to be given by the Fifth regiment band under the leadership of Bandmaster Rumsby will take place at the Drill hall tomorrow evening for which a very well selected programme has been arranged. Since taking hold of the band Mr. Rumsby has made considerable improvement in it and the pattern of the concert is, as a result, not to be slow to notice this. As an extra attraction a basket ball match between the Fifth regiment and the Portland Tigers will be played and it is expected that it will assist in attracting a large attendance. The concert will commence at 8.15 o'clock and the first half of the basket ball match will be played at the intermission. The programme will be: Grand March, "Turenne," Max Fischer Overture, "Tancrède," Rossini dances, "Ma Vie," Lumby Musical Fantasy, "Widow's," Luders March, "Why Don't You Try," Van Alstyne God Save the King

Cause of the Blaze

Assistant Chief MacDowell of the headquarters fire station paid a visit to the High school early yesterday morning for the purpose of looking into the circumstances surrounding a small blaze that took place there on Thursday evening. The fire, which was put out without any trouble, but which might easily have proved serious, originated in one of the fume cupboards in the chemical laboratory. Three cupboards are used for experiments with chemicals, and are provided with flues for carrying off the fumes. Under these flues a gas jet is kept burning for the purpose of creating a draft. On Thursday evening one of the jets set alight to the surrounding woodwork and had not the fire been immediately discovered by the janitor, it is probable that, as Assistant Chief MacDowell put it, "the city would now have to be borrowing money for a new High school." As it was, a bucket of water disposed of the fire. The assistant chief called the attention of Superintendent Paul to the dangerous condition of affairs, and immediate steps will be taken to have the danger removed by casing the woodwork in the fume cupboards with metal.

New Books That Are Good Books

Memiors of Prince Hohenlohe; Jack London's "Before Adam"; Lawson's "Friday the 13th"; Oppenheim's "Malefactor"; "Poison Island," by Quiller Couch; "Awakening of Helen Richie," by Dehaud; "Madame de Treymes," by Edith Wharton; "Dust of Conflict," by Blincoe; "The Far Horizon," by Lucas Malet; "The Second Generation," by David Graham Phillips; "Half a Rogue," by Harved MacGrath, Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

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CELEBRATED VIOLINIST COMES TO VICTORIA

Marie Hall to Play Under Auspices of Victoria Musical Society

The Victoria Musical society have secured for their fourth concert Miss Marie Hall, the celebrated English violinist. In England it is only necessary to announce that Miss Hall will play to secure a crowded house. So great is her charm that the people of England are presenting her, by public subscription, with a Guarnerius violin valued at two thousand guineas as a mark of their appreciation. Miss Hall is now making a tour of the British colonies. She will be here on April 25th, departing the following day for Australia. The Musical society has been singularly fortunate and successful in its engagements of artists and has given to Victoria a season of music that would do credit to many older and more populous centres. Commencing with Emilio de Gogorza the noted baritone, then Miss Ellen Beach Vaw, and lastly with Harrmann, appropriately named the Wizard of the Violin and his no less accomplished pianist. With Marie Hall, the society will have given a series of concerts which any musical organization might justly be proud.

CONTRACTORS BUSY ON NEW RESIDENCES

Architects and Builders are Kept on the Move These Days

Although there is comparatively little in the way of new building going on in the business part of the city at the present time, things are by no means slack in the building trades in Victoria. In fact the builders and contractors find things rushing, and the trouble is not so much to get work as to get men to do it. In the outlying portions of the city, numerous residences are being erected, activity in this direction being now more pronounced in the city than has been the case for years.

In the James Bay district many fine houses are being erected and this activity is only slightly greater than that now prevailing in Victoria. At Fernwood and Spring Ridge too, many new houses are being built. So great is the demand that the contractors of the city are finding considerable difficulty in filling all their orders, while the architects are being kept busy from morning to night deciding out the plans for new residences. And the present activity appears to mark only the beginning; the demand for new houses is increasing all the time, and it is expected that the activity will be kept up until the summer months, when the warm weather has once really set in. It will be unparalleled in the history of Victoria.

TRAMWAY EXTENSION

Manager Goward Denies All Knowledge of One Proposed Line

Albert T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, Ltd., writes us the following letter: "Dear Sir,—In your issue of yesterday, under the heading 'Mooted Extensions of Tramway System,' you say, 'It is stated on the best of authority that plans have been formulated by the B. C. Electric Railway company for the extension of the present Douglas street line beyond its present termination at Cloverdale and its ultimate connection with the Willows Beach line.' As this may create a wrong impression, I shall be much obliged by your stating that as far as the knowledge of the local office is concerned, no such extension, at any rate at the present time, is under consideration, neither have any such plans been formulated.

ALBERT T. GOWARD.

22nd March.—The error into which the Colonist reporter fell was in attributing to the B. C. Electric company a project, which is being very strongly urged by private individuals having interests along the proposed line from Cloverdale to the Willows Beach. Mr. Goward makes no reference in his letter to the proposed Ross Bay extension, which it may therefore be assumed is contemplated.

SAWMILLS BUSY

New Westminster, B. C., March 20.—New Westminster sawmills are now experiencing the busiest time in many months, and there seems likelihood of an early change in the condition. Orders are piling up from the prairies, from local consumers and an unusual number from up-river points where many farmers have expressed a keen interest in a mill for house and barn building. A great number of new settlers have moved into the Fraser river valley during the last six months and continue to come in great numbers, and the demand for lumber for the up-river places is more likely to increase than diminish.

The millmen are badly hampered in carrying on their business by a lack of sufficient cars and also by a scarcity of logs, which notwithstanding the high prices paid, continue to arrive from the logging camps of the north in greatly insufficient quantities.

Bible Reading

A bible reading will be given in the schoolroom of the Church of Our Lord at 3.30 this afternoon by Mr. Frampton, who has recently come to this city from England. Mr. Frampton has been in the habit of attending the Kewick convention and may be expected to speak on the teaching given there.

Death of Miss Braden

Miss Ida Ethel Isabel Braden died last evening at the residence of her parents, George road. She had been in poor health for some years and, although suffering considerably, bore all with marked fortitude. Her loss will be deeply deplored, not only by her relatives, but by friends and acquaintances. The late Miss Braden was 27 years of age and a native of Victoria. The funeral announcement will be made later.

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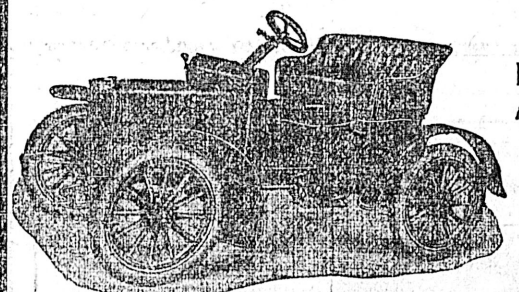
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HARBOR ASSOCIATION WOULD DETAIN DREDGE

Request for Improvement Work Is Sent to Hon. William Templeman

An attempt is being made on the part of the Victoria Inner Harbor association to prolong the stay of the dredge King Edward in this city, for the purpose of doing some improvement work in the harbor.

A letter asking that the dredge be ordered to extend its stay in this city for another two weeks, and that several thousand dollars be set apart for new work, was forwarded to Hon. William Templeman yesterday, and a telegraphic reply is anxiously looked for. The dredge has now almost completed its work in James Bay, and it is expected that unless further instructions are received from authorities at Ottawa it will leave for the Fraser river about the middle of the coming week.

It is at the mouth of the harbor off the outer wharf that the association would like to see the dredge doing some work. The Mudlark is at present at work just inside the outer wharf deepening the channel to twenty feet at low tide. Outside the spot where the Mudlark is at work, however, there is a large tract of the harbor bottom ranging from a depth of eighteen feet in the channel itself to thirteen and fourteen feet at low water, and it is here that the Harbor association would like to have the King Edward put to work.

The bottom at this point is composed of the most part of gravel and fine sand, just such material as the suction dredge is made to handle, and quite different from the hardpan on which the Mudlark is now engaged. The King Edward is very speedy in its action, and it is calculated that to deepen the whole of the area in question to from sixteen to twenty feet would take less than six days, while the cost, it is estimated, would be within \$5,000.

It is further proposed, although this matter is not regarded as being so urgent as that just mentioned, that the dredge might do some good work in the harbor above the railway bridge, between the bridge itself and the marine ways. Here the water has at the present time a depth of less than fourteen feet at low tide, and to increase it to the depth of twenty feet would be of considerable benefit to the institutions established on the waterfront above the bridge besides being a step for the fulfillment of the programme of harbor improvement which has been mapped out by the association.

It is pointed out that the dredge could do double work here by depositing the silt taken from the harbor bottom on the low lying lands on the shore of the Songhees reserve above and below the railway bridge. The shore line is at present almost worthless here, being low and marshy. A deposit of the silt and sand from the harbor bottom would do much towards reclaiming it.

To carry out the whole programme of improvement, both at the outer wharf and above the railway bridge, would, it is calculated, cost about \$10,000, and detain the dredge only two weeks.

A DESERVED PROMOTION

Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, of the Bank of B. N. A., Appointed to a New Position

The Bank of British North America announce that there will shortly be a change in the management of the Victoria branch. Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, the present manager, having been appointed superintendent of central branches with headquarters in Winnipeg. The position is a new one, its creation being made necessary by the recent growth of the bank's business in the district between the Great Lakes and the Rocky mountains, and the prospect of still further development along the same lines as a result of the steady flow of immigration and settlement and the opening up of the country by railroad construction. Mr. Mackenzie expects to leave for his new field of work early in May. The position of manager of this branch, rendered vacant by Mr. Mackenzie's promotion, has been offered to Mr. Doig, now and for some years past the bank's manager in Dawson, and his many friends in Victoria will be glad to know that he has accepted the position and will be here in about a fortnight.

Mr. Doig's long residence in this city before he went to Dawson, and his intimate acquaintance with the business community and local conditions, make his selection for the management of Victoria branch particularly appropriate.

SUFFRAGETTES SENTENCED

London, March 21.—Seventy-six suffragettes who were arrested yesterday for brawling within the precincts of parliament were sentenced today to from \$5 or a fortnight in prison to \$20 or a month's imprisonment. They were taken away in the prison vans amidst the mingled cheers and jeers of the crowd outside the police court.

About Uncle Jim.

Among J. J. Hill's novel ideas of railroad construction and operation was that of having his own sleeping car on the Great Northern. "Uncle Jim," as he is known from one end of the line to the other, resented the name the cars, and without exception he drew upon the language of the Chippewas.

As an entomologist (if the word may be allowed the great slaughter was success, but in one instance, according to The Post of Philadelphia, his unfamiliarity with Indian terms led him to make a mistake.

One of the newest and handsomest sleepers Hill christened "Wamabuska." But the Wamabuska, in spite of its furnishings, proved unpopular with the traveling public. Uncle Jim gave the matter little concern until one day his private car happened to be riding in the same train with the Wamabuska. At a station where the train stopped for a connection, Uncle Jim alighted.

His attention was immediately attracted to three trappers who were standing at the side of the Wamabuska jabbing each other in the ribs and laughing heartily. Hill stopped and peered under the car almost sure there must be something wrong with the construction of the underpinning. Dismissed he tapped one of the fellows on the shoulder and inquired the cause of their laughter.

UNDERGROUND WIRES WILL BE DISCUSSED

Aldermen and Company Managers Will Hold Conference This Evening

A conference which will in all probability prove extremely important in its results for this city will take place between the civic authorities and the managing officers of the local branches of the British Columbia Electric Railway company and the British Columbia Telephone company at the city hall this evening.

The subject of the meeting will be a proposal which has been made on the part of the city to have the wires hereafter all wires in the business portions of the city be placed underground. There has been some talk of this round the city hall for some time, and Mayor Morley has already taken some tentative steps in this direction. This evening's meeting will, however, be the first official recognition of the matter to be taken by the companies interested, and although it is improbable that any definite steps will be taken or any compact entered into, the conference will nevertheless be extremely interesting, as showing the attitude which the companies are likely to adopt towards the question.

Ald. Hall, chairman of the electric light and telephone committee, who will play an important part at this evening's meeting, was yesterday asked what were his views on the subject. He stated that up to the present no definite steps had been taken in the matter, but gave it to be understood that important developments might be looked for in the future.

The question, he said, is intimately bound up with the street improvement campaign undertaken by the council. We are at the present time planning much work on the local improvement system, and expect to be doing more and more as the time goes by. We will be dealt with all the time, and if anything is to be done towards putting the wires in conduits underground, the present is the proper time. It is no use leaving it until the streets are all improved, and then having to dig them up again to deal with the wires. It would be a very uneconomical sort of a proceeding. If anything is to be done in the matter, the present is the time.

It is pointed out that in all large cities the wires are laid underground in the business portions, and that even if steps are not taken at once to do this in Victoria at the present time it will only be a matter of a few years until the change will have to be made here. As pointed out by Ald. Hall, the present appears to be a propitious time to take up the question. Hence the action of the council in arranging the meeting.

The meeting has been officially called for the light and telephone committee alone. The regular meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, however, takes place at the same time, and the members of both committees will also be in all probability be present. These two committees include all the members of the council, and thus all the aldermen will be in attendance.

The tendency of the council towards putting the wires in conduits underground is shown in the arrangements for the improving of Rockland avenue. Besides macadamizing and tarring that thoroughfare, and providing it with a cement sidewalk and footway, it has been decided to put the wires in conduits running through the curb of the sidewalk. This was done at the suggestion of the mayor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROPOSED GAME RESERVATION

Sir.—As I find that my name has been freely used in support of the proposed East Kootenay game reservation, I am sending you papers and with our politicians, will you allow me to state publicly what my position really is? I am in favor of the principle of establishing such game reservations for the protection of our big game, but as we cannot make a sanctuary for the game, I think that the game ought to be very careful to choose those portions of it for sanctuaries, which will best serve the end we have in view.

I am in favor of the particular locality suggested by Professor Hornaday, and should therefore, of course, refrain from specially pleading for or against it, but I am not sure that the principle which we should select our district seems to me clear.

The section specified includes the run (summit) of the mountain, the few wapiti (elk) and some of the sheep still left in East Kootenay. It would certainly be well to make a reservation of it, but if not, game wardens might be instructed to de-line the area in which the small band of wapiti on our mainland still exists, and reserve it.

We ought to protect our wapiti and our sheep more than our goats, because goats are widely spread, and extremely numerous throughout the province. They are wanted for their meat, their coats, or the credit of having killed "the biggest fool out of doors," and they live in places which neither man nor beast value to share with them, whereas upon the mainland of British Columbia wapiti are only known to exist in very small numbers in East Kootenay, and sheep are growing rapidly scarce everywhere except in the far north, and those beasts are the noblest and the most beautiful wild things in our province. For these reasons, such influence as an old hunter in B. C. may have, must be used in favor of any reservation which includes their haunts, and protects them, and not in favor of any places in which they do not exist.

CLIVE PHILLIPS-WOLLEY.

Pier Island, March 15.

POVERTY MAY BE A CRIME

Sir.—Mr. R. T. Williams' letter in the Times of yesterday calls attention to a legislative bill "to make poverty a crime," at the whim of a judge and caprice of a creditor. Imprisonment for debt is a barbaric relic of the past, and has never been revived. It is to be hoped that our legislators will consider the reasons for the existence of poverty, and not the punishment of the debtor's body in execution.

There may be an academic distinction between ordering a man to imprison either on non-payment of a debt; and ordering him to pay a debt and then committing him to prison if he fails; but there is nothing to prevent the creditor from doing both.

The unfortunate in either case wears the same brand. There would not be in the province the slightest practical difference between imprisonment either on non-payment of a debt, or on payment of a debt, if it is proposed to set up places of incarceration differing from our jails. Jails are places for criminals. A jailed debtor would associate with criminals if he ever regained his liberty forever would he be treated with the criminal brand. The debtor would not be a man to whom credit would be given, and the whim of a judge and caprice of a creditor may confound a cloud in his affairs and the whim of a judge and caprice of a creditor may confound a cloud in his affairs.

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If the law is not broad enough to enable a fair-dealing creditor to reach assets of a dishonest debtor, he is forced to liquidate. Make it broad as an ocean. Make it so broad that no secret manipulation of his property by a debtor may escape detection or prevent its realization for his creditor's benefit. In reaching after the dishonest debtor of means, however, do not imperil a debtor's chance of rising again in the world, as may happen if he is exposed to the faithful discretion of one man's opinion, which shall draw blood from a stone or go to jail, for even judges have been known to err.

ONLOOKER.

"THIS WAY MADNESS LIES"

Sir.—Reading from the papers occasionally of the idiosyncrasies of people, makes one wonder how men can have such little knowledge of themselves and what they are, although very clever on other subjects. A short time ago we had a doctor from Massachusetts who would have been a hopeless insane executed, and now we have a quietude of physicians from the same place trying to drive into a madhouse the unknown by trying to weigh the human soul. Is it any wonder they were amazed at the man's sight, for he had said he would confound such men. Were it possible for man to weigh and examine their souls or minds they would present a curious spectacle. You know the story, Mr. Editor, of the German chemist who put a human skeleton together, tried to infuse life into it, and was haunted ever afterwards by the horrible thing he had become. Do you know the story of the U. S. Congressman's daughter, a very clever girl just finished school, who, a few years ago, wrote a book called "The Quick and the Dead," and then went insane. Did you ever hear of that clever man, the athlete, who thought he knew it all, and was so sure of himself, that he became insane when God revealed himself to him, and showed him that there is such a Being. I lived with that man and knew him well. But there are only a few instances to show where people came to grief for interfering with the affairs of a Being to whom they were not equal. It is a man's business to do another man's business for him. It won't work.

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Laurier and Borden Should Act

There are two men whom the country holds in an especial degree to be responsible for the course of parliament. These two men are Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. R. L. Borden. They have in their hands, by common consent, certain powers which no other two men possess. They can purge parliament of an undesirable member, if they act together. They can punish by the same co-operation—men who are guilty of persistently lowering the tone of Canada. They can declare when a member has taken a position which requires that he shall make good his words or retire from the House.

All this being true, the country looks to these two leaders to clear the good name of parliament with respect to the name of Mr. Fowler. It is a name which the connection of certain Ministers and members with "women, wine and graft," in which he has been described as his own private business is not left alone by his opponents. This threat in itself was startling enough. But what has amazed and aroused the country is his reception when he received from parliament. No grosser insult could have been flung in the faces of the Ministers and their supporters. And yet they received it with the mild deprecation of men who had been twitted with going to sleep in church.

There is no mistaking the meaning of Mr. Fowler's "insubordination." It is an insinuation of immorality. It is levelled against the Ministers, of whom there are only about a dozen in the House of Commons. It also includes the (Ministerial) members who offer a wider target; but whose names should certainly contain some men who would instantly resent any such insinuation and call upon the "slanderer" to prove his words or at least withdraw them as far as they themselves are concerned. Consider the innocence should have arisen on the instant and demanded the dismissal of Mr. Fowler from the House if he failed to establish his debasing insinuations.—Star.



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Dr. Sheard of Toronto Addressed Anti-Tuberculosis Asso- ciation

The Ottawa Free Press in its issue of March 14th says: The feature of last evening's programme of the convention of the Canadian Association for the prevention of tuberculosis was a lecture by Dr. Charles Sheard, chairman of the Ontario Board of Health, on "Home Treatment of Consumptives." It was a most practical and deeply interesting and instructive discourse and was heard with much attention. The audience was only a fair sized one. In moving the vote of thanks Sir James Grant paid a tribute to Mayor Scott for his endeavors to obtain a pure food and milk supply. Dr. Sheard advocated the establishment of well conducted tuberculosis wards in connection with general hospitals, pointing out that in many cases those afflicted with the disease would be much more willing to seek proper treatment if the means were at hand than if they had to travel 100 or 150 miles to obtain it. As regards the necessary institutions he thought the federal and provincial governments were the parties that should take hold of them. Municipalities had not proved successfully in managing such things. A larger amount should be set aside each year and institutions for the prevention of consumption should get their share.

Home Treatment.

He touched upon the necessity of teaching people how to conduct cases at home and recommended legislation which, when it has found a patient who would not observe sanitary law, would compel him to do so and prevent his being a menace to the health of the community. The speaker dwelt upon the absolute indifference shown by many people to sanitary precautions and cited instances in proof of his statements. He advised mission nursing and careful disinfection in all places where there were tuberculosis patients. In Toronto, he said, disinfection was always made after the death of such persons. He condemned severely the spitting habit and explained the very excellent system by which offenders are sought to be cured in Toronto. Suitable cards stating that spitting is against the law are distributed to the constables who when they see a person expectorating on the sidewalk or in a public place hand him one of them. If he still continues to offend his name and address are taken and he is summoned to appear in court.

Should Report Cases.

The speaker favored compulsory notification of the authorities as in the case of other contagious diseases and said that there was a bill to provide for it, before the provincial legislature though he intimated there was not as much activity shown in getting it through as there might be. He told the audience that in the consumptive ward in Toronto there were only three nurses who got \$400 a year and that yet much good work had been done. Four points he particularly called to the attention of his hearers. They were first that the disease, notwithstanding its extent, was not a tremendous menace in its contagiousness provided proper precautions were taken; second, that the whole treatment of the disease resolved itself into home supervision which must be practical and co-operate with the authorities; third, that the dissemination of knowledge in regard to the disease such as was being done by the association was of inestimable benefit; and fourth, that the dangerous and very common habit of spitting should be arrested as far as possible.

Senator W. C. Edwards, the president of the association, who occupied the chair, congratulated Dr. Sheard on his address, and said that there were some points brought out that he would like all the aldermen to have heard.

Sir James Grant, in moving the vote of thanks to the lecturer, paid a tribute also to the excellence of the work being done by the president, Hon. W. E. Edwards, the secretary, Rev. Dr. Moore, and other officers of the association, and said that Premier Whitney could not do anything better with his announced surplus of \$500,000 than by giving it towards the conducting of the campaign against consumption. Touching upon the transmission of tubercle bacilli to children by the drinking of impure milk, Sir James said:

Praised the Mayor.

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Dr. Smith Walker, of Truro, N. S., seconded the vote of thanks. He told of the deep interest taken by the people of the Maritime Provinces in the work of the association, and tendered thanks to the secretary, Rev. Dr. Moore, for the holding of public lectures and the distribution of suitable literature. The Maritime Provinces, though they had a population of only 1.7 of the whole population of the Dominion, one-fourth of the total deaths in Canada, from consumption occurred there.

PANAMA CANAL.

Agent of War Department Enlists 4,500 Men from Spain and Italy.

Paris, March 20.—Leroy Parks, general agent of the war department, has been in Europe for some months soliciting foreign labor for work upon the Panama Canal, and although he has encountered much opposition, he has succeeded since October in shipping, 4,500 men, nearly all Spaniards or Italians, and they are now going forward at the rate of about 500 a month.

They are given transportation repayment to be cut of their earnings at the rate of \$4 a month and are guaranteed pay at the rate of 20 cents an hour with everything in the shape of lodgings, medical attendance, etc., upon the isthmus found, except the meals, which are paid for at the rate of 20 cents a meal, or 90 cents a day. Notwithstanding the inducements offered, both Spanish and Italian governments were opposed to allowing their subjects to go to Panama. The objections of the Spanish government were in a measure overcome, but the Italian government has remained steadily hostile. Formal notices warning Italian laborers not to go to the isthmus were placed throughout the country. Nevertheless, many Italians, attracted by the offer of work, crossed the frontier and left from French ports.

Should the supply needed for the canal be cut off in Spain and Italy, it is likely that Parks will make an effort to secure men from Russia, especially from the Baltic provinces, where the native Letts and Estonians are especially good workmen and on account of political conditions might be disposed to leave their native land.

A VOICE FROM THE STOMACH

A Bloodless Fight Between a Tablet and a Habit—The Tablet Wins

At the age of 22, Clarence had good digestion. He had gastric juice that could dissolve doughnuts and turn apple skins into good blood corpuscles. At the age of 24 he began to be profuse about the waist and lean back-wards. He also began to cultivate several evils. In his new-found pride he began to think it his duty to gorge himself on everything, the good and the bad, for appetite feeds on appetite—and every good thing is abused. His pictures showed that he took on weight after he put his collar on.

At the age of 26 Clarence married and went to boarding. On top of all this, he attended oysters suppers and wine dinners, which reduced the size of his collar from 16 1/2 to 15. With still abiding faith in the strength of his stomach he gulped his meals, and chewed them afterwards.

At the age of 28 Clarence began to hear an inward voice—a warning from the stomach. After each meal, he would feel bloated—and belching became a habit. He began to be a light eater—and a heavy thinker. He tried to think out a cure, for now he would sit down at his meals absolutely disgusted at the thought or sight of anything to eat. He would sit down at his meals without the trace of an appetite, just because it was time to eat.

He would often feel a gnawing, unsatisfied "still-hungry" feeling in his stomach, even after he was through eating, whether his meal was well cooked or not.

And he suffered a good many other things with his stomach that he could not explain, but that made him grouchy, miserable, out-of-sorts and generally sour on everybody and everything.

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ROUMANIAN DISORDERS

Government Has Plenty of Troops to Suppress Trouble

Bucharest, Roumania, March 21.—All the army recruits have been called out to join the colors, with the result that the government has its disposal plenty of troops to enable it speedily to suppress the troubles. Large numbers of Jews from Jassia, Vassila, Botoschani and other towns which have been terrorized by the acts of the peasantry have arrived here seeking refuge, and assistance. The report that the Russian portion of the population largely participated with the peasants in the plundering at Botoschani. According to the latest advices received here from that town, quiet has been restored there.

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A PROPOSAL TO UNITE CHURCHES

Rev. Dr. Symonds of Montreal Made Strong Plea for Com- bined Forces

"Do you really wish to see our present system of church divisions reproduced in Japan, or China, or India? Do you want to see a dozen different denominations at each of these countries?" Such was the query of Rev. Dr. Symonds at Christ Church cathedral last evening, in the course of his sermon on "The Advantages of Unity of the Church," from the text Philippians, 1, 27, says the Montreal Gazette.

"I believe," he said, "that the reason why so few really large donations or bequests are made to the churches today, as compared with those of universities, hospitals and libraries, is to be found in the fact of our divisions, and not that men are any less interested in religion."

"The time is ripe for unity," he continued. "The opportunity now presented may very quickly pass, never to return. With our Northwest rapidly filling with a varied population, it is of the highest importance that the unifying power of religion should be brought to bear upon that vast territory. If this union could be accomplished, such a church as the world has not yet seen might come into existence there, to be a source of unspeakable blessing to Canada and an object lesson to the world."

The preacher remarked upon the financial saying that would result from a combination of ecclesiastical forces, pointing out in contrast the evils of the present system. "In some places," he said, "where but little money is required large sums are sent, while where large sums are required but little money is forthcoming. I was told of a very small village in this province where three-quarters of the small population are Roman Catholics, with about \$1,200 a year going to support three or four Protestant churches, each with a pitiful handful of people. If these three little communities would unite, they would probably be self-supporting."

"On the other hand," he continued, "we are constantly hearing that our bishops in the Northwest say they could place twenty or thirty more men in this or that diocese, if only the men and the money were forthcoming. Why should not three out of the four men of the village I have mentioned go into the Northwest, and the \$1,200 that is now producing but poor returns—I do not like to say wasted—be made the means of a rich harvest in the Northwest?"

In reference to the comparative lack of present munificence to the church, he said, "Men, however rich, who have made their money by hard thinking and skillful management, do not want to give it where, in their judgment, it will not be put to the best possible use."

The relation of unity to the foreign missionary campaign was thus described: "Unity would mean a simplification of the essentials of religion, with the great things of the gospel brought into prominence. We should not teach the heathen, or what is worse, the educated adherents of other faiths, in such a way that they would suppose that the really great points were to be Anglican, rather than Presbyterian, or Presbyterian rather than Baptist, or to hold other varied tenets of divided opinion; but we should say to them: 'The kingdom of heaven is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.'"

The preacher showed by an imaginary dialogue between an educated heathen and an Anglican missionary the probable failure of the heathen mind to reconcile church divisions with the brotherhood breathed by the spirit of Christianity. The heathen said: "The dialogues cannot understand why different forms of church government or worship should sunder professing Christians."

"The enthusiasm for foreign missions in our day," said Rev. Dr. Symonds, "is very striking, but it is not a twentieth part of what it would be if there were a united church. For the missions of such a church, men would give, not in tens or hundreds, but in millions. Christianity would become the all-conquering power in the world."

The remainder of the sermon was devoted to a consideration of the great spiritual advantage to be derived from such unity, wherein the church would be a mirror of the mind of Christ.

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CEMETERY EXTENSION

Addition To Ross Bay Burying Grounds for Catholics

At the city hall yesterday, Ald. Neston posted notice to the effect that at the coming meeting of the council he will introduce a bylaw for the final settlement of the Roman Catholic cemetery question.

Once the matter has been settled it will mean the addition of a block of land three acres in extent to the Ross Bay cemetery, and will do away with any danger of overcrowding at the burial ground for years to come. According to the proposed arrangement the city will receive the absolute title for the three acres from the authorities of the Roman Catholic church in this province, together with the sum of \$1,000, and in return for this they will undertake to keep the lot in proper shape.

It is calculated that the \$1,000 will just about cover the cost of surveying and plotting the addition to the cemetery, and of building paths and walks. All expenditure for maintenance will come from the general revenue of the city, but this will be a comparatively small item.

Archbishop Orth, according to the agreement, retains the right of saying who shall and who shall not be interred in the addition, and the present intention is to set apart the new block for the interment of Roman Catholics alone.

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COWICHAN COUNCIL

Affairs of Municipality Dealt With at Recent Meeting

Duncan, March 20.—A council meeting was held here with the reeve, H. Bonsall, in the chair. Correspondence was received from W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., giving the government's proposal re Trunk road; also one enclosing a note from the minister of education, stating that municipalities cannot tax personal property for schools or other rates, and one from Mayor Keary of New Westminster, giving a summary of the amendments which the Union of B. C. Municipalities intend to submit.

A deputation from the Cowichan Athletic club laid proposals before the council with regard to their use of the recreation grounds.

A tender for work on the Trunk road was awarded to the only tenderer, R. S. Smith.

It was resolved that the proposition forwarded from the provincial government by Mr. Hayward, to take over the bridges in the municipality, and the latter to take over the road through Indian reserves, be accepted, and that Mr. Hayward be requested to get the necessary paper to ratify the agreement.

It was resolved that we rejoin the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and that the necessary fee be forwarded to the treasurer.

The council adjourned till March 27. James Norcross, C.M.C., of the North Cowichan municipality, has, with the consent of his honor the lieutenant-governor, resigned the office of a coroner of the province, to which he was appointed in 1899.

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of assessment provided by the sub-sections introduced by the Finance Minister. He thought it was manifestly unfair that the "small man" should be forced to pay at such a rate of taxation. The principle was wrong and he hoped his amendment would be supported.

Minister's Reply
The Finance Minister, answering, said that it had not been considered unfair in placing a minimum rate upon other properties or industries. Upon canneries this would amount to \$54. He did not consider that that was too much to assess an industry of the kind.

Deemed It "Unfair"
Mr. Macdonald thought that the use of the word "fair" by the Minister of Finance was ridiculous. He thought it might be termed "expedient" but not "fair." He claimed that the act of taxing a plant of less than \$10,000 in value the same as that of that assessment was unfair. He claimed that the principle was wrong, as was that of taxing the banks doing business in the province upon a minimum basis. It was taxation upon a false system. In closing he explained that it was simply following along the lines laid down by the government. It was allowing the larger concerns to escape at the expense of the smaller. In concluding he inferred that the taxation upon banks had been brought in at the instigation of the managers of the larger banks.

Denied Statement
The Minister of Finance denied the allegation most emphatically. The legislation referred to had not been introduced by any such suggestion. Mr. Hawthorthwaite delivered an address in favor of the proposed amendment.

The Government's Policy
The Premier then made a few remarks upon the question of taxation generally. He explained that the result of the reductions proposed by the amendments to the Assessment Act of 1903 would mean a decrease in the revenue of \$125,000. When the revenue derived from these two sources—namely, real and personal property—were taken into consideration, he thought it must be acknowledged that the reduction was material. In regard to the canneries, he thought that a minimum tax of \$54, such as was proposed, could not reasonably be found fault with. He had some knowledge of the canning industry and he could not conceive of an establishment—a plant which could properly be termed a cannery—being constructed and equipped for less than the minimum sum upon which it was proposed to assess. There were, he was given to understand, some which went under that sum in their valuation; but it would be found, he said, that in some instances these concerns were controlled by large concerns.

Farmers Prosperous
In respect to the farmers, he was glad to say that the majority were enjoying prosperity; that owing to the good government which the country had enjoyed during the past three years, those engaged in agricultural pursuits were in good financial standing. He had noticed this gratifying state of affairs in Dewdney, the riding which he had had the pleasure of representing.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite—"And which you have deserted."

"No," replied the Premier, emphatically. He stated that he had not deserted his friends of that district; in fact he was better friends, if that were possible, than ever before.

He had yet to find the farmer who complained of the taxation. While visiting Alberni he had noted the same condition. He had come in contact with some who desired improvement—more roads and better facilities of that kind—but the protests to which he referred had not been forthcoming. The farmer apparently appreciated the necessity of taxation in order to carry on satisfactorily the administration. Moreover, he wished to say that the policy of the present government had always been such as to encourage the agricultural industry, that it had made

marked progress during the past three years—to a much greater extent proportionately than had been the case for thirty-seven years, or since confederation.

Dr. Kergan thought the proposal to impose a minimum tax was unfair. He had information showing that there were several assessed at lower than \$10,000, and thought that the contemplated action should be reconsidered. Mr. Oliver criticized the Premier's remarks, claiming that the farmers had made complaints in regard to taxation. He thought that the amendment submitted by the member for Alberni was justifiable.

A Petition
Mr. Bowser presented a petition from J. W. McFarland and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway company. No. 18.

Bills Introduced
On the motion of Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Bill 22, entitled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902" was introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

On the motion of Mr. Ellison, Private Bill No. 65, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Imperial Underwriters' Corporation," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the private bills committee.

Questions and Answers
Mr. Hayward asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. How many individuals were entitled to land grants under each of the sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of section 2 of the Private Land Grant Act, 1903, being South African War Land Grant Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903?
2. How many grants have been issued, segregated under above heads?
The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:
1. 808 applications were made.
2. 622 grants under sub-section (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) under sub-section (a) and 11 under sub-section (e).

Mr. King asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:
The names of parties who staked four claims under the Private Land Grant Act, 1903, in North Cariboo, on the Peace river, eight miles below the Findlay rapids, on Mt. Selwyn, crown granted August, 1901, and give the exact date of staking and crown-granting.

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:
1. J. W. Coffey, located 24th September, 1897.
2. J. W. Coffey, located 24th September, 1897.
3. James Fulton, located 14th May, 1899, the Elgin mineral claim.
4. R. F. Macfarland, located 14th May, 1899, the Elgin mineral claim.
5. Robert J. Miller, located 14th May, 1899, the Elgin mineral claim.
These claims have not been crown granted.

Notices of Motion
On Monday next the Hon. Mr. Young is to leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the University of British Columbia by a Grant of Provincial Lands." By Mr. Gair, on Monday next, questions of the Hon. the Premier.

1. What steps, if any, have been taken by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company to prevent British subjects from landing on this area, which was granted them for the Pacific terminals?

2. Can any selection of the one-quarter acre from landing on the country be made before such survey?

3. Has the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company prevented British subjects from landing on this area, which was granted them for the Pacific terminals?

Became an Orangeman
Saturday Night.
Sir John A. Macdonald may well be classed as one of the most precocious of our public men. He had not yet reached his majority when he "hung out his shingle" in Kingston, as a full-fledged barrister and attorney. He was an alderman at 28, a member of Parliament at 29, a cabinet minister at 39 and premier at 42. Macdonald's entrance into public life reminds one very much of the career of municipal politics in Toronto. The young lawyer met John Shaw—an anti type of our ex-controller—and asked him the best way to become a member of the council. The answer was: "Join our lodge and run for alderman." Within two months John A. was an Orangeman and alderman.

SPORTS

THE TURF

Grand National Sweep

The drawing for this famous sweepstakes took place last evening in the presence of a large number of those interested. The drawing, which was conducted under the supervision of the local Press, resulted as follows:

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Apollonia	1261
Ascent Silver	1230
Aunt May	1230
Barbarian II	530
Beauville	163
Bouchard Ogue	170
Buchanan	1289
Centre Board	535
Chit Chat	1023
Clippers	1341
Count Rufus	192
Crancaum	227
Darling	1090
Detail	1031
Drummond	1208
Eremon	238
Evans	1040
Extravagance	1240
Fetters Pride	50
Flatman	1127
Foreman	1345
Gladiator	1345
Glenelg	1345
Hammer	383
Jackwatch	1034
Handley	1034
Happy Result	1034
Hercules II	1008
Historical Year	439
Hoop Head	170
John M. P.	435
Kills	1092
Lady Malta	2093
Lavelline	530
Leamington	1092
Logan Rock	551
Matthew	2010
Millman	1213
Nipper	1550
Outlands	220
Oreger	146
Original	146
Pantander	146
Pierre	146
Prophet II	146
Ranunculus	30
Rasendy	254
Rathvale	1150
Reds	2181
Rocks	2181
Ravenscliffe	2103
Roman Law	2221
Sales	1547
Scotch Prince	1547
St. Corline	1133
Teddie	573
Timothy Titus	280
Tom West	519
Vaerlehen	152
Wickham	2147
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BASKETBALL

Fifth Regiment vs. Portland

The teams selected to represent the Fifth Regiment in their match against the Portland Tigers in connection with the band concert tomorrow evening, is a very strong one, and if local players play as they have done in practice the Tigers will get their whiskers clipped. The players held their final practice last evening, and the team that was selected is as follows: Guards, Gray and Dubay; centre, C. Pallard; forwards, W. Fairall and F. Jones. The match will start about 9:15 and a hot game is anticipated.

Juniors Will Play

The Junior intermediate teams from the Victoria college and V.M.C.A. will try conclusions at the drill hall this evening. The college intermediates will line up as follows: Guards, Campbell and Bryant; centre, Lord; forwards, Fowen and Johnson. Juniors: Guards, Ellis and Green; centre, Spencer; forwards, Erb and B. Johnson.

CRICKET

Vancouver Club Organizes

The Vancouver Cricket club has organized for the season, and are out to win the championship. The News-Advertiser, referring to the club, says: "The big open tournament for the championship of the Pacific Coast will be pulled off in Vancouver this summer." An announcement regarding this was made at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Cricket club, held last night in the Assembly hall at the Vancouver Athletic club. The club, which is composed of the following members: Messrs. S. P. Judge, Melhuish, C. E. Robson, Nelson, A. Collins, W. G. Croft and John Elliott.

The Victoria club will play here on July 1st, and a return match will be played at the Capital on July 2nd. Prospects for a good season of cricket are exceedingly bright. A number of new players have joined the ranks of the local club, and the club is expected to have good material available from which to select a winning eleven. The pitch at the Point is being attended to and should be in better shape than ever this year.

LACROSSE

Harvard to Visit England

Harvard is planning a strenuous lacrosse season for the spring. A meeting will be held, at which candidates to expect to try for the team will be asked to register. Captain Wendel of the lacrosse team, Coach Penhollow and J. M. Groves, 65, will speak. The latter will outline plans for a

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No. 2. Commencing at a post planted on shore in Township No. 16, about fifteen hundred feet south of Mineral Claim Post No. 82, on shore, thence west 40 chains, thence south 110 chains, thence east 30 chains to shore, thence along shore line to point of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post planted on shore in Township No. 16, about fifteen hundred feet south of Mineral Claim Post No. 82, on shore, thence west 40 chains, thence south 110 chains, thence east 30 chains to shore, thence along shore line to point of commencement.

No. 4. Commencing at a post planted at southeast corner of Claim No. 3, thence 40 chains west, thence 120 chains north to point of commencement, containing 60 acres, more or less.

No. 5. (Fraction) Commencing at a post on shore on pre-emption No. 188 in Township No. 16, on east side of southeast corner of Claim No. 3, thence 40 chains west, thence 120 chains north to point of commencement, containing 60 acres, more or less.

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No. 3. Beginning at a post planted near Hays' location post No. 4 thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 120 chains south; thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 4. Beginning at a post planted 1/2 mile east from head of Hays' location post No. 4 thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 120 chains south; thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 5. Beginning at a post planted about 1/2 mile south-west from J. D. Hays' location post No. 4 thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west; thence 120 chains south; thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 6. Beginning at a post planted near the head of Clamgulde Harbor, thence 60 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence 80 chains north; thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 7. Beginning at a post planted on beach near west corner of location No. 6; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 8. Beginning at a post planted near north-east corner of location No. 7; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 9. Beginning at a post planted near beach, about 60 chains north from Shingle point, Narrow Gut Creek; thence 100 chains east; thence 40 chains north; thence 120 chains west; thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 10. Beginning at a post planted near beach east from One Tree Island; thence north 80 chains; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west to beach; thence following beach to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 11. Beginning at a post planted at head of unnamed bay on southern boundary of location No. 10; thence 80 chains east; thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains east; thence 80 chains south; thence west to beach; thence following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 12. Beginning at a post planted near beach, near southern boundary of location No. 11; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 13. Beginning at a post planted on beach near No. 12 location post; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 14. Beginning at a post planted on the eastern boundary of J. D. Hays' location No. 13; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

No. 15. Beginning at a post marked "D. M. Hyman's Northwest corner post," planted on the west side of the river at the mouth of the river; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

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No. 6. NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situate on Nahwitte River, Rupert District, Vancouver Island.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT WOULD WORK HARDSHIP

Residents of More Thinly Peopled Districts Afraid of its Operation

That the strict enforcement of the local improvement system for all street work is hardly likely to give satisfaction in all parts of the city is proved by certain murmurs which have emanated from the people of Spring Ridge, Victoria West, and the more thinly populated parts of the city. If no streets are to be improved and no sidewalks constructed save on the local improvement system, as was decided by the council at the beginning of its term of office, the people of these districts see themselves going without any improvements to their streets at all, and the prospect does not please them.

It is claimed that the number of residents on and the value of the property along many of the streets in the outlying parts of the city will not warrant the construction of sidewalks or the carrying out of other improvements on the system, and a proposal has been made that instead of refusing to undertake any works on the streets all over the city, except on the local improvement plan, the city confine this system to the thickly populated parts, and that in the more thinly settled portions, work be carried on as

statement, but it appears that the alderman had in his mind such cases as those mentioned above.

SEALS DESTROYING SALMON Feared by Fishermen on the Fraser that Business Will Be Ruined

It is predicted by some of the long time fishermen on the Fraser that unless steps are taken to destroy the seals, which now infest the river the spring salmon business will be ruined. They say that thousands of dollars worth of salmon are taken every year by seals, in fact that more salmon go to appease the hunger of the hordes of seals than are caught in nets.

Representations have been made to Ottawa on several occasions in an effort to have steps taken towards destroying the seals, but the government has always turned an unresponsive ear to the requests. The fishermen point out that the seals are far too cunning to become target for fishermen's rifles and even if they could be easily shot the danger of shooting the rifle balls on the river is great, because of the distance which they fly and of their aptitude to glance on the water.

Fishermen report that salmon are very scarce this spring and catches so far have been small.

WANT DUTCH LANGUAGE Transvaal Parliament Runs Against Old Question

Pretoria, March 21.—At the opening of parliament the stage setting was the same as in the old days in the Dutch imperialists and burghers. A large crowd assembled in front of the house of parliament in Government square, where two regiments of Brit-

BRIBES DISTRIBUTED BY MR. GALLAGHER

Supervisor Lonergan's Statement Regarding San Francisco Grifters

San Francisco, March 21.—The grand jury today resumed the investigation of the alleged telephone graft. Assistant District Attorney Henry and Secret Agent Burns were present and interrogated officials and employees of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co.

In an interview published today, Supervisor Lonergan is quoted as saying that he never had any direct dealings with Ruef in the matter of bribes, but received the money from Supervisor James L. Gallagher, who distributed the alleged bribe funds to the board, and was known as the "big fellow."

Washington, March 21.—The United States supreme court today received the record in the appeal of Abe Ruef of San Francisco, charged with extortion, from the decision of Judge Hebbard, dismissing the petition for a writ of habeas corpus and remanding him into custody.

AT NORTH VANCOUVER.

Talk of Starting Large Engineering Works.

Vancouver, March 21.—North Vancouver is likely to have a large engineering works. This is the outcome

the mob and wounded a number of the rioters. Five of them were stabbed with bayonets. Another collision occurred at Jassy between troops and 400 peasants who were trying to invade that town. Major Collet was wounded, two peasants were killed and many wounded.

RICH COBALT ORE

Cobalt, March 21.—On the Temiskaming a new bonanza vein was struck while drifting 198 feet from the main shaft. Fifteen tons, of a value of 12,000 ounces to the ton, have already been taken out, and next week a \$100,000 car will be shipped. Today a 100-lb. nugget was brought to the Bank of Commerce here, which assays 22,000 ounces to the ton.

DR. DALY'S POSITION

Ottawa, March 21.—Dr. Reginald A. Daly, geologist for the Canadian international boundary commission, has been offered the professorship of physical geology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and has decided to accept. As the position involved is one of the highest in that branch of learning in the United States it is an evidence of the appreciation felt for the ability of Dr. Daly. He leaves this city in a few months time and will commence his duties on October 1. Dr. Daly came to Ottawa in 1901 to accept the position which he has held up to the present. Previous to that time, he occupied a chair at Harvard university.

THE SWETTENHAM INCIDENT

Jamaicans Confident That "the Empire Will Care for Its Own"

The Jamaica Times, in its issue of March 2, just to hand, gives a summary of the petition which has been prepared to be sent to the imperial parliament. The petition

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“Trade of the Empire”

First of a Series of Lectures on Imperial Subjects, Arranged by the Daughters of the Empire, Delivered by Sir C. H. Tupper

At Vancouver the other evening in St. Paul's schoolroom, Sir Charles H. Tupper delivered the first of a series of lectures on "Imperial subjects" arranged by the Daughters of the Empire, a large attendance being present. The following is a summary of the address:

In every sense of the word, the charge of Napoleon, that Britons were a "Nation of Shopkeepers," is true, and today it is generally admitted that trade constitutes the greatest international factor in the world. Every nation between nations is rooted in trade. Napoleon had also truly said that agriculture constituted the soul, manufactures the brain and transportation the limbs of a nation.

Mr. Tupper said that Smith ran away with the idea that trade was everything and suggested that Canadian trade and Canadians would fare better for a consolidation with the United States. "This is the result they hope to bring about," Canada in 1891 stamped a heavy fourteen such a proposition for the time. It is, nevertheless, possible, that, unless a consolidation of British trade interests takes place, this insidious proposition may become again formidable. What was it that has set Imperialists thinking in the direction of tariff reform? The marvelous development of German and United States trade, and the titanic burden of the British people in the United Kingdom in their efforts to afford adequate protection to British commerce. The expenditure on the army and navy increases steadily, and the pressure of direct taxation is felt more and more as the years roll by.

Burden of Empire.
A great English statesman has told us that Great Britain staggers under this burden of Empire. Surely the lesson of a consolidation of British interests in Canada and Australia, with a prospect of the same consolidation in South Africa, must have effect on those charged with Imperial problems? If these auxiliary kingdoms become more valuable to the Motherland, by virtue of their solidarity and combination of commercial interests, do they not indicate the secret of our prosperity and permanency for the Empire as a whole? Canada especially affords an object lesson owing to her development in the course of the movement of the world's commerce.

We have been told that while the last century was that of the United States, this is to belong to Canada. It is almost impossible to believe that her march onward can be stayed. The real question which has arisen is under what banner shall we serve?

The trend of trade in the Empire is steadily to the West. We have seen the past history of the "highway of commerce" in the Mediterranean Sea passing as it did to the Atlantic Ocean, now teeming with ships and the richest cargoes. The Pacific Ocean lies beyond the already open door of ambitious nations, and the scene of imposing and ever growing fleets.

England led and still leads in the development of these pathways. She took and planted colonies after her heroic adventures had secured every sea with weak hearts, at times fearing to be great, nevertheless her stout spirit, on the whole, has prevailed, until today her best informed know and understand that Britain more than ever actually depends on her colonies not only for her commerce, but for her protection as well.

Magnitude of Imperial Trade.
Contemplate for a moment the bewildering and amazing magnitude of Imperial trade.

This Empire claims the sovereignty over no less than 56 different communities; it contains one-fifth of human kind, and one-fifth of the world's surface. It rejoices in a gross trade of \$1,000,000,000. The tonnage of ships under the Imperial flag clearing and entering the ports of the Empire amount to more than 235,000,000 of tons in every year.

The value of her commerce afloat runs into the billions, and the value of her ships in every sea is over \$100,000,000.

With these vast figures let us not forget that a Greater Spain, a Greater Holland and a Greater Portugal, all disappeared with the loss of their colonies. How then can a similar fate be prevented in the case of the grandest Britain known to history?

By trade it has grown great, by trade it can continue. With a free field and no favor, all would be well and secure, but in the fierce race for wealth in the ever increasing rivalry of nations, this condition of things once hoped for, will never occur. Hence an inquiry into the conditions confronting us must be made. Is it being made? To us in Canada it is not so much a question of money, but rather a desire due to a spirit of intense loyalty to the best traditions of the Empire our forefathers fought for, lived for and for which they sacrificed more than the "people at home" ever realized. With our geographical situation, our virgin soil, our climate, and

KIDNEY DISEASE COMES ON QUIETLY

Perhaps no other organs work harder than the kidneys to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of kidney complaint, but do not suspect it. It may have been in the system for some time. There may have been backaches, swelling of the feet and ankles, disturbances of the urinary organs, such as, brief, dark deposit in the urine, highly colored, scanty or cloudy urine, bladder pains, frequently or constantly, burning sensation when urinating, etc.

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our resources, nothing can prevent our possession of a teeming population and untold prosperity.

Imperial Trade Policy
The question in the minds of our seven millions of British subjects is now whether the many millions soon to come will maintain the bonds of Empire or assert their National Independence. A superlative trade policy can alone settle the question in favor of a continuity of the Empire. What shall it be? What ought it to be?

Free trade suggests nothing to the men to come from under foreign flags. England's ports under this policy are as open to them under any conditions. England's position when Free Trade was adopted was unique in the world. She was commercially supreme. To preserve this supremacy as the world's factory, she adopted a policy strangely enough simultaneous with the idea that colonies were a burden to England, a charge wholly valueless. Cobden actually wrote:

"The Colonial system, with all its dazzling appeals to the passions of the people, cannot be got rid of except by the indirect process of Free Trade, which will gradually and imperceptibly loose the bands which unite our Colonies to us by a mistaken notion of self-interest."

Cobden's Main Idea
At the bottom of this policy were the enormous duties on corn involving the bread riots. Our West was then a great lone land the home of the Indian and of the buffalo. The staple industry of England was cotton, and millions of Lancashire men were led against the monopoly which so heavily taxed their food. What, after all, was Cobden's main idea at this time? It was that foreign countries would supply Great Britain with food-stuffs and raw materials, and Great Britain would send in return her manufactures. What has been the result? Notwithstanding the marvelous figures as to the general growth of England's trade, due to causes wholly apart from Cobden's policy, we find that in a decade of years less and less are manufactured goods sent out, while more and more do they enter Great Britain.

We also observe that, while in a period of years her own manufactures to foreign countries decreased, they increased in the same period to British possessions.

Take the cotton trade. In the years 1876 to 1885 the proportion of the world's supply consumed by Great Britain was 41 per cent. The Continent took 35 1-2 per cent. The United States 23 1-2 per cent. In the years 1886 to 1895 Great Britain's consumption fell to 35 1-2. The Continent's rose to 39, that of the United States to 25 1-2. In the years 1896 to 1903 Great Britain's proportion fell to 28 1-2, that of the Continent rose to 41 1-2, and that of the United States to 30.

British Silk Industry
We also find that the British silk industry has declined, while that of the United States has risen.

Her steel and iron industries, relatively to that of other countries, also declines, though her exports to British colonies increase. It is found too that foreign countries are securing a growing proportion of colonial trade. These investigations have set men to think Imperially; and, strangely enough, the very man who once led the trade movement by objection long ago in England is the champion today of the tariff reformers. Mr. Chamberlain resisted the movement by the statement that 10 per cent on foreign manufactures would involve the British people in the payment of £40,000,000 more for their food. Why was he led to say this? Because neither he nor Mr. Gladstone could be at that time convinced that the British colonies could produce sufficient food for Great Britain. Canada looms large now and will ultimately solve speedily all such difficulties. What are the facts?

In 1902 Great Britain imported 200,000,000 bushels of wheat. Professor Saunders of the experimental farm at Ottawa a few years ago wrote that our wheat growing area contains no less than 171,000,000 acres (of which 5,000,000 alone were then under cultivation) and that we could produce 800,000,000 bushels a year!

Chamberlain's Plan
A few months ago that great railway magnate, J. J. Hill, at Winnipeg predicted that in ten years the United States would be dependent upon Canada for food. With a knowledge of such important facts, Mr. Chamberlain threw his great weight into the scale of tariff reform. In 1902 he propounded free trade within the Empire. Our representatives at the colonial conference in that year joined with those from other colonies in stating that, while we were not ready for free trade within the Empire, we were prepared for mutual and reciprocal preferential trade. With marvelous ability Mr. Chamberlain took the lead to bring the mind of England to the consideration of the advantages which would follow such a policy. He proposed to his people in his great campaign as an outline of his Imperial trade policy that Canada should have a 5 per cent on foreign meat and dairy produce and none on colonial; 5 per cent on foreign colonial wines; and that there should be taken off three-fourths of the duty on tea and one-half of the duties on sugar, cocoa and coffee.

The Colonial Conference
In a few weeks now another colonial and Imperial conference takes place. Australia, New Zealand and the Cape Colony all have intimated their adherence to the policy of 1902 as above. The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom have resolved in favor of a reciprocal trade arrangement with the colonies. Canada, of course, as the pioneer of the policy, will do its best to harten the great reform.

With our magnificent position, our wheat, our mines, our forests, and above all, our wonderful water power—distributed so happily over our vast Dominion—we stand equipped. This century I firmly believe will see a "trade consolidation" either by 1. Free trade within the Empire and a tariff against the world; 2. Mutual inter-Imperial preferential trade; or (whichever is preferred) 3. Canada's independence of action.

"Westward the course of Empire takes its way." As we stand today nothing could sever the ties that so happily, though lightly, bind us to the Motherland; but with the millions soon to be with us, and of us, those ties will

assuredly be severed unless cemented by a trade combination; a trade combination which will put in the language of our code, "unduly enhance the price," but one which will preserve the glories and the unity of an Empire which has after all been the greatest secular agency for the good of mankind the world has ever known.

WEALTH OF THE FAR NORTH

Address at Montreal on Mackenzie and Peace River Districts

"The Resources of the Mackenzie River District" formed the subject of an address by Ellihu Stewart formerly of the forestry department of the Interior, before the Canadian club of Montreal, at the Queen's hotel, says the Montreal Witness. Few people, he said, appreciated the vast extent of the Mackenzie and Peace river districts. The Mackenzie valley, for instance, was very much larger than that of the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes above Montreal, for it drained 451,000 square miles as compared with 309,900 drained by the Eastern river system.

In making an excursion through the country, Mr. Stewart went from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing, thence to the Slave river and Great Slave lake to the Mackenzie, down which he journeyed for over a thousand miles to Fort Macpherson.

On his way down the Athabasca river he passed the famous burning well at Pelican rapids, which was drilled some years ago by the Dominion government in the search for oil. Only asphalt was discovered, until at about 1,800 feet a terrific flow of gas was struck fire, and has been burning ever since with a fury that can be heard half a mile away. It is still burning, but no effort is being made to prevent this great waste of natural gas.

The current in the Mackenzie river, said Mr. Stewart, was very rapid, and whirled the steamer along at about twelve miles an hour; but real progress was very slow, because nine-tenths of the time the boat was either stranded or hung up to repair holes in its bottom. The heat during the trip was intense, during July the thermometer recording 100 degrees in the shade, with almost continuous sunlight. As a result of this, vegetation and cereals were produced very far north. Going down the Mackenzie, at Fort Providence on July 15, he saw a field of wheat then fully formed and in the milk, which had been sown on May 20, and on July 23 it was harvested. This extraordinary growth was caused by the long days, extreme heat and continued moisture from the subterranean frost. This was in an altitude of 6152 degrees, and about six hundred miles north of Edmonton. Vegetation was found a good deal further north, but no grain.

As to the resources of the district, Mr. Stewart said there were known to be vast deposits of tar and asphalt, which some day might be of very great value, while the existence of oil fields was suspected. The soil was largely of a second-class alluvial nature, fairly well covered with small timber of the birch, poplar and larch varieties—plenty good enough for firewood and to make settlers' houses, etc.

Further north the country was completely barren, but was very rich in game of all kinds, while the waters of the rivers and lakes fairly teemed with fish.

Dame Fashion's Dictum



The upper hat is of Manila straw, entirely covered by coarse black net. A large crimson rose is at one side and loops of black velvet at the other. The lower hat is of yellow straw, trimmed with deep yellow roses and shaded yellow ribbon.

SPRING RUSH OF EMIGRANTS

Salvation Army Bringing Out a Fine Class of Settlers

The spring influx of immigrants began with a rush last night, when two special trains arrived from Montreal with between 400 and 500 men, women and children from England and Scotland, says the Toronto Mail and Empire of March 14. It was followed later by a carload of Italian laborers intended for railway construction work.

The British immigrants were almost all consigned to the care of the Salvation Army, and a number of the officers met the train on their arrival and looked after their wants. The balance were taken in charge by the Ontario Government officials and the representatives of the London Emigration Board. The Salvation Army had chartered the entire accommodation of the Grand Central Hotel, and 210 of the newcomers found lodgings there for the night. Mr. Flanagan, one of the hotel proprietors, stated last night that they were the finest looking lot of immigrants that he had seen during his eight years' experience in similar business. There was a very large proportion of children among the immigrants, an extreme case being that of a man and his wife with a family of nine, the eldest of whom was 13 years of age. They were a fine healthy looking lot, however, according to Mr. Flanagan, and of a type that apparently would make good citizens.

Mr. O'Rourke, also of the Grand Central Hotel, was occupied last night with the care of the children, who had traveled from England entirely alone, being consigned to the army officials. He had not wanted for care from his fellow-travelers, however, and was apparently in fine condition. The newcomers were very much at home in the hotel and highly appreciated the hearty welcome they received.

The Grand Trunk had 407 of the immigrants from Montreal, of whom 71 were children and 336 adults. A number, however, were destined for points east of Toronto, and very few will remain in the city. The great majority will go out this morning to points throughout the province, only two or three in most instances going to each place.

BY BALLOON TO FRANCE

Mrs. Harbord Tells the Story of Her Voyage

London, March 15.—Hon. Mrs. Harbord is delighted with her experiences of crossing the Channel in her new balloon "The Nebula." She was accompanied on the voyage by C. F. Pollock.

"We started from Messrs. Short's works at Chelsea at ten minutes to eleven on Thursday night," she said. "We would have started the night before, but the weather was too rough. It was a fine moonlight night with the wind northwest, the Channel was reached in the morning between Dover and the South Foreland three hours after starting. Channel in fifty-five minutes—a wonderfully short time and we had a good deal through the water, keeping the balloon very steady. While at Harbord, we had a very good supper. Afterwards we thought it advisable to rise, and we went up to 2,000 feet. We arrived at the French coast near Calais about 7 o'clock. It then began raining and continued till 9.30. The country is covered with snow, and the cold was intense. "I never saw such a magnificent scene as this at morning. We were then above the clouds, which lay beneath us in great masses. It was a fascinating spectacle, and I shall never forget. We had no trouble at all, but we felt the cold bitterly."

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Seattle Commercial Organization Will Send Resolutions to President

Holding that the Japanese are entitled to every consideration and that the proposed immigration treaty with Japan is not in accord with the best interests of the Pacific coast, the Seattle chamber of commerce, at its meeting this afternoon, passed strong resolutions addressed to the President and the Secretary of State, says the Seattle Times of Wednesday. The resolutions were introduced by Judge Thomas Burke in his capacity of chairman of the chamber committee on national affairs and are as follows:

"According to the reports of the Associated Press despatches from Washington the settlement of the question involving the rights of Japanese children to attend the public schools of San Francisco is to draw after it the negotiation of a new immigration treaty with Japan.

"It is the opinion of the Seattle chamber of commerce that a majority of the people of the Pacific coast are not in favor of any immigration law that will treat the people of Japan differently from the way in which we treat the people of any European country. We recognize that the United States and the empire of Japan are bound together by ties of trade, commerce and old friendship which in the past have proved of great advantage to both countries, and it is proposed, contain a sure pledge of still greater benefits for the future.

"We believe that any immigration treaty which would discriminate against Japan by denying to the people of the country ordinary rights or privileges granted to the people of other civilized countries would be an act of discrimination and would be detrimental to the trade and commerce of the Pacific coast and, by checking the growth, development and prosperity of this section, would tend directly to narrow the field of employment for our own people and decrease the demand for our own labor.

Would Harm Coast Business

"It would injure the Pacific coast farmers by barring the way to a large and profitable market for flour and other food stuffs. It would strike directly at those manufacturing industries throughout the country which are now supplying steel rails, machinery, tools and other appliances for the development of Japan, Korea and Manchuria. It would practically close Japan, Korea and Manchuria to American capital and to the use of American skilled labor that would otherwise be largely employed in the development of the resources of those countries.

"Moreover, as the enforcement of the terms of any new immigration treaty putting Japan on a different footing from that of other nations or any law or regulation made pursuant to such a treaty, would necessarily be in the hands of Japanese officials, administration would, in our opinion, be almost certain to sow the seeds of disagreement, dissension and strife between the two countries.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this chamber it would be against the best interests of the Pacific coast and of the whole country to conclude any treaty or enact any law the effect of which would be to treat the people of Japan in a manner different from the treatment accorded to the people of other civilized powers. "Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of State."

NEW RIFLE FOR VOLUNTEERS.

London, March 15.—It is stated that the manufacture of a new rifle for the use of the militia of five years of age, at the Royal Small Arms factory, Enfield lock, in the next financial year, with the possibility that units of militia, Imperial Yeomanry and volunteers will be re-armed in about nine or ten months time from the present date.

The new rifle will retain the "long" Lee-Enfield barrel with its uniform grooving, as opposed to the "short" barrel with varied grooving adopted in the regular army rifle. The new rifle will be superior to the old.

It will have the present Lee-Enfield ordinary lead backshot with the cap removed, and a slight change of internal adjustment of wind by means of a screw fitted to the right-hand side of the slide. The foresight will also be capable of lateral adjustment, in this case by an arm, as is that of the short rifle. The actual form of the foresight will be that settled upon for the Mark III, short Lee-Enfield rifle, a straight edge instead of the barley-corn A. in that at present in use. The modernity of the new rifle will be perfected with a charger loading arrangement similar in every way to that of the short Lee-Enfield.

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CO-OPERATION IN MAINE

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ONTARIO MINE MANIA

Toronto, March 20.—The extent to which the mining craze has seized people is illustrated by the rush to the Larder Lake district. To date, 3,000 claims have been recorded, covering an area of 120,000 acres. Development is to be resumed on the Mikado gold mine near the Lake of the Woods. About two years ago work was stopped after the mine had produced \$500,000 for an English company.

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Imagination. If the task of writing the play was so difficult that of rendering it is even more so. It perhaps cannot be said of Mr. Hanford that he was an ideal Marc Antony, because every Shakespearean student has his own ideal of Antony. To many it may seem as if he lacked the oratorical finesse of the man who completely won in a few words the ardent support of a hostile populace. Yet his conception of the character is a powerful one. That it might be stronger, of more interest and less violent is an open question upon which it may be just as well not to express any opinion.

Mr. Hanford's support was rather more satisfactory than is usually the case in Shakespearean plays by traveling companies, but it can hardly be claimed that, with the exception of Miss Marie Frohman, who took the part of Portia, it scored many points in the favor of the audience. On the whole, however, the play is well rendered, and Mr. Hanford has ranked among the most successful of his contemporaries in the very difficult roles which he selects.

ENDED HER SHAME

Suicide of the Alberta Woman Who
Deceived Her Husband

Stettler, Alta., March 21.—An inquest was held yesterday some thirty-six miles northwest of Stettler on the body of the woman Steinberg who it was reported had been murdered. While the husband was away the woman found a revolver that had been secreted in a box, and, hiding it under her apron so that her daughter should not see it, she went out to a log hut nearby. The night before she had told her husband and her son of her intention, and this accounts for the hiding of the firearm. Both were sleeping in the log hut and the woman made him promise to kill himself after she had committed suicide. She then pressed the revolver to her left side and fired. The bullet pierced the heart. The daughter had seen her write something on a piece of paper and put it away on a shelf. The paper was produced at the inquest and contained the words: "Whereas I am responsible for my death," Whereas is the man with whom, as previously related, she had cohabited during her husband's detention at Fort Saskatchewan. The verdict was suicide.

Elder McNabb—I'm not denying that the Duke of Argyll is a great man and a learned man, but what I contend is this—He's not a popular man. He's not a man that has many friends.
And Mr. McNabb—Well, ye see, the Duke is in a very difficult position—his pride o' birth prevents him associatin' with men o' his ain intellect, and his pride o' intellect equally prevents him associatin' with men o' his ain birth.—Weekly Telegraph.

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BAYONNE MINE BONDED

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COAL MINE CONFERENCE.

Miners and Operators Negotiating Over Terms.

Calgary, March 21.—At yesterday's session some members of the joint conference of miners and operators suggested that the press be allowed at the meeting, but the motion was voted down.

The operators went to see the miners' delegates, and presented the remainder of their agreement. The party then separated, the delegates to await the result of the meeting of the miners' representatives. Both parties are to meet again.

As the situation stands, the parties seem to be at a deadlock. The delegates spent the entire day talking about the proposition of the mine operators, but no agreement was reached. It has been learned that the proposition of the delegates asked for a material increase in wages, and the counter proposition of the operators asked for a material reduction.

The feeling among the miners is that the operators are expecting the difference will be split, thus making a new schedule of wages practically the same as the old wages. Both parties are moving slowly, being desirous of feeling sure of every step before it is taken, and it appears now that no agreement will be arrived at before a couple of weeks.

NEITHER LAW NOR JUSTICE

Sir,—As you have referred to Sheriff F. G. Richards and myself and the general public apparently not knowing the circumstances connected with the case (especially as so many have asked me what it is all about), I trust you will not mind my mentioning certain facts in relation to the matter.

Richards is in receipt of fees and salary amounting to three thousand dollars or over per year, and is, therefore, able to pay back by instalments the cash he got from me, especially as he gave an assurance of his willingness, during examination before the registrar, to do so, providing the judgment then held by me against him was affirmed, on his attempting to nullify the judgment it was affirmed about a year

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